

This morning I tried singing the song again and I have thought that a performance could be improved by repeating nine lines from the middle at the end and then repeating, with two changes, the last two lines of that block of nine lines.

I have set the lyrics of the song out in that format on the next page of this document.

The idea, in the story, is that Jane sings the song while standing in front of the Statue of Gutenberg in the City of Mainz, having written the song during her train journey on the way to the conference.

So maybe when Jane and Edith are stood some distance from the statue and Jane shows Edith what she has written and expresses her wish to sing the song while standing in front of the statue and wondering if she has the confidence to do so, Edith could suggest repeating nine lines from the middle at the end and then repeating, with two changes, the last two lines of that block of nine lines.

Maybe Jane sings the song on her own while Edith watches from a short distance away, or maybe Edith and Jane could sing the song together, each singing a verse on her own and singing the sort-of-chorus together - or maybe they could sing the verses together and each of them perform one of the sort-of-chorus sections on her own.

Or maybe something else.

Yet Chapter 8 is an interactive chapter, so maybe which of the above happens depends upon choices made by the reader: choices made directly or indirectly.

I am enjoying writing the novel.

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Near a statue of Gutenberg
in the City of Mainz
a song of typography,
how it grew through the ages
From blackletter
to Venetian
then italics were later
with swash glyphs abounding
reflecting ----
a calligrapher's art

City of Gutenberg
by the river Rhine ----
where moveable type
led to permanent books
Through Europe
the invention
spread information
Yet the idea started
in the City of Mainz

And here by this statue
thinking of printing
and the ways it has helped
me to learn many things
from books I have learned
and learning continues
an invention from old
helping into the future

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