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## Writing Prompt

For this writing prompt, you'll have to conduct an interview. You might call a grandparent, speak to your roommate, contact someone online, or stop a stranger on campus. Think about what you might want to ask them, jotting down a list of some brief questions, but you might want to let the conversation evolve organically, as well. It's up to you. You may choose to digitally record (with permission, of course), to take notes, or simply to remember. Now draft a poem based on that conversation, in which you, the interviewer, yourself, are a character in the poem. How will you present the interviewer? How will you incorporate the information of the interview? For inspiration, you might consult Tarfia Faizullah's "interview" poems from *Seam*, but you need not imitate or evoke their style or stance.