Exploring the Underground Railroad Through the Arts  
Worksheet 2

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Directions: Read the words to the song “Follow the Drinking Gourd” and answer the questions.

**Follow the Drinking Gourd**

When the sun goes back  
and the first quail calls  
Follow the drinking gourd  
The old man is a-waitin’ for  
to carry you to freedom  
Follow the drinking gourd

Chorus  
Follow the drinking gourd,  
follow the drinking gourd  
For the old man is a-waitin’  
to carry you to freedom  
Follow the drinking gourd

The river bed makes a mighty fine road,  
Dead trees to show you the way  
And it’s left foot, peg foot, traveling on  
Follow the drinking gourd

The river ends between two hills  
Follow the drinking gourd  
There’s another river on the other side  
Follow the drinking gourd

1. What is the drinking gourd?  ____________________________________________

2. What time of year could the river become a road?  __________________________  
Why? ________________________________________________________________

3. Draw a “Mind Movie” for this poem in the box below.
Name___________________________ Title of your drawing.