Exploring the Underground Railroad Through the Arts
Worksheet 2

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.