An exploration of a poem in simple code: by using technology to delineate evocative language, I hope to subvert expectations of what technology can contribute to creative writing. Readers of poetry often don't see the many drafts and word selections behind a finished piece of creative writing, especially in poetry, which may be oversimplified. In this case, I decided to create a novice input code that reveals many of my choices, broad ideas, and unfiltered writing that went into the more traditional, polished poem of the output. I consider this experimental because I haven't been able to find a similar project out there that utilizes poetry in both the input and output, and that puts as much emphasis on the act of transformation. Just as "double-time" connects the disparate ideas of sound, fruit, and passion, I hope the readers are inspired to see themselves/very human emotions reflected in this poem, and to be curious about its alternate possibilities, laid out in the piece itself as a record of writerly intention/destroyed intentions.

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**double-time** (an experience in Java)

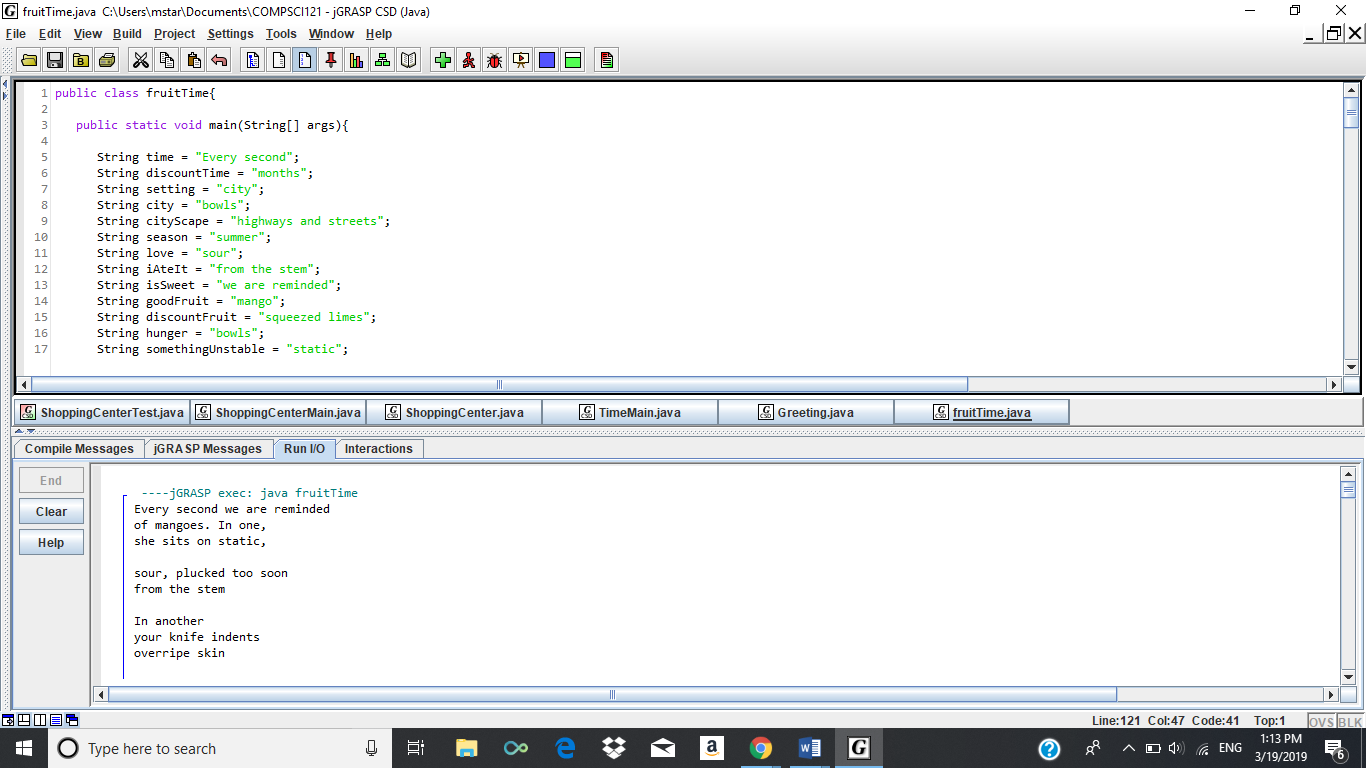
**Input:**

1 public class fruitTime{  
 2   
 3 public static void main(String[] args){  
 4   
 5 String time = "Every second";  
 6 String discountTime = "months";  
 7 String setting = "city";  
 8 String city = "bowls";  
 9 String cityScape = "highways and streets";  
 10 String season = "summer";  
 11 String love = "sour";  
 12 String iAteIt = "from the stem";  
 13 String isSweet = "we are reminded";  
 14 String goodFruit = "mango";  
 15 String discountFruit = "squeezed limes";  
 16 String hunger = "bowls";  
 17 String somethingUnstable = "static";  
 18 String heaviness = "Hudson fog";  
 19 String overRipeThoughts = "knife";  
 20 String hurts = "indents";  
 21 String unsettlingBiology = "fist and bone";  
 22 String drops = "births";  
 23 String birthed = "dropped";  
 24 String sorrow = "mother";  
 25 String lives = "frequencies";  
 26 String tooFast = "these days";  
 27 String dirt = "compost";  
 28 String inTheSky = "on the ground";  
 29 String pregnancy = "bear fruit";  
 30 String souls = "flowers";  
 31 String bug = "cricket";  
 32 String myLeg = "her shoulder";  
 33 String chomp = "fruit";  
 34 String back = "antenna";  
 35 String enormous = "analog";  
 36 String life = "baby";  
 37 String sound = "radio";  
 38 String body = "chest";  
 39 String myRibs = "the wiring";  
 40 String bodyOfWater = "river";  
 41 String someLover = "you";  
 42 String drip = "sink";   
 43 String juice = "an awl";  
 44 String sexyTimesOrNot = "the handle";  
 45 String beginning = "root";  
 46 String isIt = "rise";   
 47 String justASnack = "sweet";  
 48 String goneDoubleTime = "."

49  
 50 System.out.println(time + " we are reminded");  
 51 System.out.println("of " + goodFruit + "es. In one,");  
 52 System.out.println("she sits on " + somethingUnstable + ",");  
 53 System.out.println();  
 54 System.out.println(love + ", plucked too soon");  
 55 System.out.println(iAteIt + ".");  
 56 System.out.println();  
 57 System.out.println("In another");  
 58 System.out.println("your " + overRipeThoughts + " " + hurts);  
 59 System.out.println("overripe skin");  
 60 System.out.println();  
 61 System.out.println("and cannot peel,");  
 62 System.out.println("metal turned");  
 63 System.out.println();  
 64 System.out.println(unsettlingBiology + ".");  
 65 System.out.println("in the " + setting + " there are craters,");  
 66 System.out.println(discountFruit);  
 67 System.out.println();  
 68 System.out.println(hunger + " within " + hunger);  
 69 System.out.println("by old " + cityScape + ".");  
 70 System.out.println();  
 71 System.out.println("That " + season + " when");  
 72 System.out.println(someLover + " split a " + goodFruit);  
 73 System.out.println("and found " + heaviness + " inside");  
 74 System.out.println();  
 75 System.out.println("or another life where");  
 76 System.out.println("she " + drops + " a " + goodFruit);  
 77 System.out.println();  
 78 System.out.println("as patch of warm");  
 79 System.out.println("soil and not");  
 80 System.out.println(sorrow + ".");  
 81 System.out.println();  
 82 System.out.println(tooFast + " the frequencies");  
 83 System.out.println("of pits and " + chomp + " align");  
 84 System.out.println();  
 85 System.out.println("when " + birthed + ".");  
 86 System.out.println("It takes " + discountTime);  
 87 System.out.println("for " + dirt);  
 88 System.out.println();  
 89 System.out.println("to gather in waves");  
 90 System.out.println(inTheSky);  
 91 System.out.println();  
 92 System.out.println("where " + someLover + " massage");  
 93 System.out.println(souls + " for they may");  
 94 System.out.println(pregnancy + ".");  
 95 System.out.println();  
 96 System.out.println("Though your " + sorrow);  
 97 System.out.println("broke a " + bug + "'s " + back);  
 98 System.out.println();  
 99 System.out.println("when it climbed");  
100 System.out.println(myLeg + ".");  
101 System.out.println("The amount of sugar");  
102 System.out.println();  
103 System.out.println("in mango " + enormous + ".");  
104 System.out.println(season + " " + life);  
105 System.out.println();  
106 System.out.println("is the first to find");  
107 System.out.println("the " + sound + " channels");  
108 System.out.println("inside my " + body + ",");  
109 System.out.println();  
110 System.out.println("flicks");  
111 System.out.println(myRibs);  
112 System.out.println();  
113 System.out.println("into a " + bodyOfWater + ".");  
114 System.out.println("Another time");  
115 System.out.println(someLover + " " + drip + " " + juice);  
116 System.out.println();  
117 System.out.println("into the " + beginning);  
118 System.out.println("of my sound");  
119 System.out.println();  
120 System.out.println("and " + isIt);  
121 System.out.println(sexyTimesOrNot);  
122 System.out.println(justASnack + goneDoubleTime);  
123 }  
124}

**Output:**

 ----jGRASP exec: java fruitTime  
Every second we are reminded  
of mangoes. In one,  
she sits on static,  
  
sour, plucked too soon  
from the stem.  
  
In another  
your knife indents  
overripe skin  
  
and cannot peel,  
metal turned  
  
fist and bone.  
in the city there are craters,  
squeezed limes  
  
bowls within bowls  
by old highways and streets.  
  
That summer when  
you split a mango  
and found Hudson fog inside  
  
or another life where  
she births a mango  
  
as patch of warm  
soil and not  
mother.  
  
these days the frequencies  
of pits and fruit align  
  
when dropped.  
It takes months  
for compost  
  
to gather in waves  
on the ground  
  
where you massage  
flowers for they may  
bear fruit.  
  
Though your mother  
broke a cricket's antenna  
  
when it climbed  
her shoulder.  
The amount of sugar  
  
in mango analog.  
summer baby  
  
is the first to find  
the radio channels  
inside my chest,  
  
flicks  
the wiring  
  
into a river.  
Another time  
you sink an awl  
  
into the root  
of my sound  
  
and rise  
the handle up  
sweet.  
  
 ----jGRASP: operation complete.  
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**Example**