**I Came, I See, I’ll Conquer**  
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*Abstract*
This poem was written to both encourage and amuse her students who struggled with fractions, and references common fraction difficulties as well as the need for persistence. Written in 2011, it has a whimsical, lyrical feel that will appeal to students at all levels.

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