Sentence prosody is a complex and fascinating topic: it is not represented in writing, it is hard to measure by phonometric methods, and it is highly variable, yet it undoubtedly exists. In this talk, I will discuss preliminary findings from our study of sentence prosody in the inaugural addresses of six U.S. presidents. Among other things, we present evidence for the linguistic reality of the Nuclear Stress Rule (Chomsky & Halle 1968) as well as the view that information coincides with stress peaks in good prose (Bolinger 1957). We also observe that noun and adjective stresses are loud and mechanical, whereas verb and function word stresses are soft and meaningful. We suggest that this may explain why nouns and verbs often differ systematically in word phonology as well.