

Poetry

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Archpoet- 1130-1165

Carmina Burana

- "Confession"
 - "I am resolved to die in a tavern ... May God be merciful to this drunkard"

Example of Goliardic poetry

Anna Akhmatova- Russian 1889-1966

Requiem

- Suffering during Great Purge
- "Seventeen months I've pleaded for you to come home"
- "Who's beast, and who's man? How long till execution?"
- Instead of a Preface

Poem Without a Hero

John Ashbery- American (New York) 1927-2017

Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror

- The right hand, bigger than the head, thrust at the viewer

Commotion of the Birds

Ludovico Ariosto- Italian 1474-1533

Orlando Furioso

- Details adventures of Charlemagne, Orlando, and the Franks
- Orlando's wits are lost on the moon

Coined the term humanism

Matthew Arnold- English 1822-1888

"Dover Beach"

- "The sea is calm to-night"
- "Sophocles long ago"
- "eternal node of sadness"
- "Darkling plain where ignorant armies clash by night"
- Responded to by Anthony Hecht and Yeats
 - The Dover Bitch

"The Scholar-Gipsy"

- Impoverished Oxford student who joins a band of gipsies

"Thyrsis"

- Written in dedication to poet Arthur Hugh Clough
- Conquered by "Time, not Corydon"
- View of Oxford from Boars Hill
- "And that sweet city with her dreaming spires / She needs not June for beauty's heightening"

"To Margeurite"

Culture and Anarchy

- "Culture is a study of perfection"

- "Culture is the best which has been thought and said"

WH Auden- English-American 1907-1973

"Funeral Blues"

- Stop the clocks, cut off the telephone
- Prevent the dogs from barking with the juicy bone
- Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead / Scribbling on the sky the message
"He is Dead"
- The stars are not wanted now; put out every one

"September 1, 1939"

- I sit in one of the dives / On Fifty-second Street
- A psychopathic God
- Imperialism's face
- What mad Nijinsky wrote
- We must love each other or die
- I'll be true to my wife, I'll concentrate more on work
- Ironic points of light flash out wherever the Just exchange their messages

"The Shield of Achilles"

- Thetis reflects on the scenes that Hephaestus has put on the shield of her son Achilles

"For the Time Being"

- Dramatic monologues by characters on Christmas
- Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree

"The Sea and the Mirror"

- "A Commentary on Shakespeare's The Tempest"

"Horae Canonicae"

"The Age of Anxiety"

"Refugee Blues"

- If you got no passport you're officially dead

"Spain"

- Written after visit during Spanish Civil War

On This Island

"Musee des Beaux Arts"

- Fall of Icarus based on Breughel's painting
- About the suffering they were never wrong / The old Masters;
- That even the dreadful Martyrdom must run its course
- Anyhow, in a corner, some untidy spot
- The sun shone / As it had to on the white legs disappearing into the green water

"Epitaph on a Tyrant"

- When he laughed, respectable senators burst with laughter
- And when he cried the little children died in the streets

"If I Could Tell You"

- Time will say nothing but I told you so
- If I could tell you I would let you know
- The winds must come from somewhere when they blow
- There must be reasons why the leaves decay
- Perhaps the roses really want to grow

"In Memory of W B Yeats"

- He disappeared in the dead of winter
- For poetry makes nothing happen
- Teach the free man how to praise

Matsuo Basho- Japanese 1644-1694

The Narrow Road to the Deep North

- Accompanied by Sora's Diary
- "Even a thatched hut / may change with a new owner / into a doll's house"

Record of a Travel Worn Satchel

Account of Exposure to the Fields

- "An ancient pond / a frog jumps in / the splash of water"

On Transplanting the Banana Tree

"By my new banana plant / the first sign of something I loathe / a miscanthus bud"

A Shriveled Chestnut

Monkey's Raincoat

The Seashell Game

Most famous poet of Edo period

Edmund Clerihew Bentley

Clerihew

- AABB biographical poem

John Berryman- American 1914-1972

The Dream Songs

- Main character is Henry, white American
 - Called Mr. Bones
- Comprised of 77 Dream Songs and His Toy, His Dream, His Rest
- 3 stanzas, 6 lines each

Homage to Mistress Bradstreet

- The governor your husband lived so long; moved you not, restless, waiting for him?
- Simon will listen while you read a song

Committed suicide

Confessional school of poetry

Elizabeth Bishop- American 1911-1979

Geography III

- One Art
 - The art of losing isn't hard to master
 - (Write it!)
 - Villanelle

Crusoe in England

- Well, I had fifty-two / miserable small volcanoes I could climb

The Armadillo

- Dedicated to Robert Lowell
- Fire balloons are released, but come crashing down as wildlife escapes

The Fish

- Brown skin hung in strips / like ancient wallpaper
- Until everything / was rainbow, rainbow, rainbow!

Lived in Brazil with lover Lota Soares

William Blake- English 1757-1827

Poetical Sketches

- First collection of poems

Songs of Innocence

- The Lamb
 - He is meek & he is mild / He became a little child
- The Little Black Boy
 - Racial equality
 - And we are put on earth a little space / that we may learn to bear the beams of love
- The Echoing Green
- The Chimney Sweeper
 - Against the manual labor of young boys as chimney sweepers
 - And my father sold me while yet my tongue / could scarcely cry weep weep weep weep
 - There's little Tom Darce, who cried when his head / That curl'd like a lambs back, was shav'd, so I said
 - And by came an Angel who had a bright key, and he open'd the coffins & set them all free
 - So if all do their duty, they need not fear harm
- Little Boy Lost
- Little Boy Found

Songs of Experience

- The Tyger
 - Questions what kind of thing could make something so beautiful and terrible
 - Tyger Tyger, burning bright / In the forests of the night
 - What immortal hand or eye / could frame that fearful symmetry
 - And what shoulder and what art / could twist the sinews of thy heart
- A Poison Tree
 - Bottling up anger eventually leads him to murder
 - I was angry with my friend / I told my wrath, my wrath did end
- London
 - Describes the misery of its inhabitants
 - I wander thro' each charter'd street / near where the charter'd Thames does flow
- The Chimney Sweeper
 - A little black thing among the snow: / crying weep, weep, in notes of woe
 - And are gone to praise God & his Priest & King / who make up a heaven of our misery
- The Sick Rose
 - O Rose thou art sick / The invisible worm

The Book of Thel

- Can wisdom be put in a silver rod / or love in a golden bowl

The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

- Opens with character Rintrah

- Advocates for following your desires
- Praises Milton for his portrayal of Satan
- "Memorable Fancy" section details travels to hell

The Four Zoas

- Uthrona, Urizen, Luvah, and Tharmas, created from the fall of Albion

Jerusalem

- :The Emanation of the Giant Albion

Milton

- Prefaced with poem "and did those feet in ancient time"
- Epic where Milton returns from heaven and talks with Blake

An Island in the Moon

- Unfinished manuscript

"Nobodaddy"

Watercolors of Dante's Divine Comedy

Painted Great Red Dragon series

Illustrated Wollstonecraft's Original Stories from Real Life, Paradise Lost, and The Pilgrim's Progress

Romantic/Pre-Romantic

Friend of Swedenborg

Forerunner of "free love" movement

Anne Bradstreet- American 1612-1672

To My Dear and Loving Husband

- "I prize thy love more than whole mines of gold, or all the riches that the East doth hold"
- If ever two were one then surely we

The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung Up in America

- "The Author to Her Book"
 - Thou ill-formed offspring of my feeble brain
- "Four Monarchies"
- "The Four Elements"
- "The Four Humors of Man"
- "The Four Ages of Man"
 - Childhood, youth, manly, old age

Verse Upon the Burning of Our House

- July 10, 1666
- I wakened was with thundering noise and piteous shrieks of dreadful voice

Gwendolyn Brooks- American 1917-2000

Annie Allen

- Girl growing up in Brozneville neighborhood
- "Notes from the Childhood and Girlhood"
- "The Womanhood"
- "The Anniad"

The Bean Eaters

- They eat beans mostly, this yellow pair / Dinner is a casual affair
- Two who are mostly good / Two who have lived their day

We Real Cool

- Describes the “we”’s as “wispy ‘Killroy-is-here’ announcements”
- the mother
- Mother talking about her abortion

Elizabeth Barrett Browning- English 1806-1861

Sonnets from the Portuguese

- No 1
 - I thought once how Theocritus had sung
 - The silver answer rang “Not Death, but Love”
- No 21
 - Say over again, and yet once over again / That thou dost love me
 - Though the word repeated / Should seem "a cuckoo song" as though dost treat it
 - To love me also in silence with thy soul
- No 22
 - When our two souls stand up erect and strong / Face to face, silent, drawing nigh and nigher
 - To drop some golden orb of perfect song
- No 32
 - The first time that the sun rose on thine oath / To love me, I looked forward to the moon
 - I did not wrong myself, but I placed / A wrong on thee
 - For perfect strains may float / Neath master-hands from instruments defaced
 - And great souls, at one stroke, may do and dote
- No 33
 - "Yes, call me by my pet-name! let me hear"
 - "Gather the north flowers to complete the south"
 - "With the same heart, will answer and not wait"
- "How Do I Love Thee" No 43
 - "I love thee to the depth and breadth and height / my soul can reach"
 - "When feeling out of sight / For ends of Being and ideal Grace"
 - "Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose / I shall but love thee better after death"

Aurora Leigh

"To Flush, My Dog"

- Inspired a Virginia Woolf novel

"Lady Geraldine's Courtship"

- Influenced "The Raven"

The Battle of Marathon: A Poem

"The Cry of the Children"

- Indictment of child labor
- Do ye hear the children weeping, O my brothers, / Ere the sorrow comes with years?

"The Runaway Slave at Pilgrim's Point"

- I stand on the mark beside the shore

Robert Browning- English 1812-1889

Sordello

- Obscure work that tarnished his career
- About Sordello de Goito, Italian troubadour that appears in the Divine Comedy

Bells and Pomegranates No III: Dramatic Lyrics

- My Last Duchess
 - Speaker is Alfonso d'Este, Duke of Ferrara
 - Speaking to Count of Tyrol
 - "I gave commands, then all smiles stopped together"
 - Curtain covers a painting of his wife by Fra Pandolf
 - Ends with bronze statue of Neptune

Bells and Pomegranates No VII: Dramatic Romances and Lyrics

- The Laboratory
- The Lost Leader

Home Thoughts, from Abroad

- O to be in England / Now that April's here!
- The buttercups, the children's dower / -Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower

Men and Women

- Love Among the Ruins
 - Shut them in, / With their triumphs and their glories and the rest! / Love is best.
- Fra Lippo Lippi
 - Drunk Filippo Lippi swears "Zooks"
 - Flower o' the broom...flower o' the quince
 - Take away love, and our earth is a tomb
 - What need of art at all
 - Interrogated by guards of Master Cosimo Medici
 - Tries to "paint the souls of men"
- Child Roland to the Dark Tower Came

Porphyria's Lover

- Porphyria's Lover strangled her with her own hair

Dramatis Personae

- Rabbi Ben Ezra
 - Grow old along with me! / The best is yet to be

The Ring and the Book

- Trial of Count Guido because of his alleged murder of his wife
- Ancient Rome

William Cullen Bryant- American 1792-1878

Editor of New York Evening Post

"Thanatopsis"

- "To him who in the love of nature holds / Communion with her visible forms, she speaks"
- "Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night / scourged to his dungeon"
- "By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave"

"The Embargo"

- Satirized Jefferson's shopping embargo

- When private faith and public trust are sold / And traitors barter liberty for gold
- "To a Waterfowl"
- Man meets waterfowl, and seeing him being guided God, starts to believe he is too
- Fireside poet

Robert Burns- Scottish 1759-1796

"Auld Lang Syne"

- Should old acquaintance be forgot / and never brought to mind?
- And we'll take a cup o'kindness yet / for auld lang syne
- Sung on Hogmanay (last day of the year for Scots)

"Scots Wha Hae"

- Unofficial Scottish national anthem

"A Red, Red Rose"

- O my Luve's like a red, red rose / That's newly sprung in June
- O my Luve's like the melody / That's sweetly play'd in tune

"A Man's a Man for A' That"

- Men should all be equal, and be judged on character rather than rank
- Is there for honest Poverty / That hangs his head, an' a' that
- The coward slave - we pass him by / We dare be poor for a' that!
- What though on hamely fare we dine / Wear hodden grey, an' a' that

"To a Louse"

- A man sees a louse roaming around a church lady's bonnet
- Oh, would some Power give us the gift / To see ourselves as others see us

"To a Mouse"

- Written after he accidentally destroyed a mice nest while ploughing
- I'm truly sorry man's dominion / Has broken Nature's social union
- The best laid schemes of mice and men / Go often awry

"The Battle of Sherramuir"

"Tam o'Shanter"

- Tam, after a night of drinking, sees a haunted church filled with dancing witches and warlocks, with devil playing bagpipes
- Yells "Weel done, cutty-spark" to the witch
- Gets chased, and they pull the tail off of his horse Meg

"Ae Fond Kiss"

Called National Bard, Bard of Ayrshire, and the Ploughman Poet

Lord Byron- British 1788-1824

Don Juan

- Inversion of classic tale
- Begins an affair with Julia, kicked out by Don Alfonso
- Starts "Bob Southey! You're a poet"

Childe Harold's Pilgrimage

- Byronic Hero who travels around Europe
- "To Ianthe" and four cantos
- "Apostropher to the Ocean"
- "Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain"

"She Walks in Beauty"

- Iambic tetrameter

- "the night of cloudless climes and starry skies"
- "A mind at peace with all below, A heart whose love is innocent"
- Maybe addressed to half-sister Augusta Leigh

"Manfred"

- Faustian story
- Manfred summons seven spirits to deal with guilt over Astarte
- "Old man! Tis not so difficult to die"

"Mazeppa"

Fragment of a Novel

- One of first vampire stories

Hebrew Melodies

- Songbook
- Collaboration with Isaac Nathan

Luis Vaz de Camoes- Portuguese 1524-1580

Os Lusíadas

- Vasco de Gama
- National epic of Portugal

Anne Carson- Canadian

Autobiography of Red

- Geryon and tenth labor

Red Doc

- Sequel

If Not, Winter

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"The Rime of the Ancient Mariner"

- Wedding guest is stopped by ancient mariner on his way to a wedding
 - By the long grey beard and glittering eye
- Begins to tell him a story about he sailed away
 - below the kirk, below the hill, / Below the lighthouse top
- Approached a land of "mist and snow"
- Albatross brings wind, helping them escape the maze of ice
- Mariner shoots down the albatross
- At first crewmates are furious with him, but then realize the albatross was responsible for the fog
- The winds then died down
 - As idle as a painted ship / Upon a painted ocean
- Things started to emerge from the ocean
 - Yea, slimy things did crawl with legs / Upon the slimy sea
- They began so thirsty to the point where they could not speak
 - Water water everywhere / nor any a drop to drink
- Mariner bit his arm so that the blood could moisten his mouth, and he could alert the others about a ship in the distance
- On board was Death and Life in Death, who played dice for their lives
- Everybody died, except for the Mariner
- Ends by telling the wedding guest "he prayeth best who loveth best"

"Kubla Khan"

- In Xanadu did Kubla Khan / A stately pleasure dome decree
- So twice five miles of fertile ground
- By woman wailing for her demon-lover
- A damsel with a dulcimer / In a vision once I saw / It was an Abyssinian maid
- Could I revive within me / her symphony and song
- Interrupted by a person from Porlock

"Christabel"

"This Lime-Tree Bower My Prison"

- Friends play while he is stuck under a tree
- Written while his wife and friends went off, but he stayed behind because of his wife pouring boiling milk on his foot
- Well they are gone, and here I must remain

"The Aeolian Harp"

- My pensive Sarah! Thy soft cheek reclined

"Frost by Midnight"

- Conversation poem to son Hartley
- The frost performs its secret ministry

Lyrical Ballads

Biographia Literaria

- Draws on Schelling
- Differentiates between "imaginary" and "fancy"

Lake Poets

Hart Crane- American 1899-1932

"The Bridge"

- Inspired by "The Wasteland" and the Brooklyn Bridge
- Cape Hatteras
- Powhatan's Daughter

White Buildings

- "For the Marriage of Faustus and Helen"
- "Voyages"
 - About his homosexual relationship with Emil Opffer

The Broken Tower

At Melville's Tomb

Countee Cullen- American 1903-1946

Yet Do I Marvel

- Yet do I marvel at this curious thing: / To make a poet black, and bid him sing!

E E Cummings- American 1894-1962

Buffalo Bill's

- onetwothreefourfive
- how do you like your blue-eyes boy / Mister Death

anyone lived in a pretty how town

- spring summer autumn winter
- women and men (both big and small)

my father moved through dooms of love

pity the monster, manumkind

- Progress is a comfortable disease

- Hypermagical ultraomnipotence
 - There's a hell of a good universe next door; let's go
- the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls
- the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls / are unbeautiful and have comfortable minds
- i sing of Olaf glad and big
- Story of conscientious objector who is tortured in prison then dies
 - "I will not kiss your fucking flag"
 - "There is some shit I will not eat"

Arnaut Daniel- Occitan 1180-1200

Invented sestina

- 6 stanzas of 6 lines
- Normally followed by three line envoi

Rubén Darío- Nicaraguan 1867-1916

Azul...

To Roosevelt

- It is with the voice of the Bible, or / verse of Walt g

In Autumn

- I am an aged tree

Symphony in Gray Major

Initiated the period of modernismo

Natalie Diaz- Mojave American 1978

When My Brother Was an Aztec

Emily Dickinson

Letter to Thomas Wentworth Higginson

- "is my verse alive"

"I taste a liquor never brewed"

"Because I could not stop for death"

- "He kindly stopped for me"

"Success is counted sweetest"

"Hope is the thing with feathers"

"I heard a fly buzz - when I died"

- "Uncertain, stumbling buzz"

"I felt a Funeral, in my brain"

"I'm nobody! Who are you?"

"Tell all the truth but tell it slant"

"My life had stood - a Loaded Gun"

"I like to see it lap the Miles"

"Wild nights - Wild nights"

"A Bird, came down the walk"

- Originally titled In the Garden

"There's a certain slant of light"

- Heft of Cathedral Tunes

"A Light exists in spring"

Belle of Amherst

There is no frigate like a book

- How frugal is the Chariot that bears the human soul

Mark Doty- American 1953

My Alexandria

Still Life with Oysters and Lemon

- Translucency of fruit peel
- Humans tendency to imbue objects with meaning

John Donne- English 1572-1631

Holy Sonnets

- Death Be Not Proud (Holy Sonnet X)
 - "Thou art slave to Fate, Chance, kings, and desperate men"
 - "And death shall be no more, Death, thou shalt die"
- Holy Sonnet XIV
 - Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you / As yet knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend
 - Divorce me, untie or break that knot again / Take me to you, imprison me, for I / Except you shall enthrall me, never shall be free / Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me
- Since she whom I lov'd hath paid her last debt
 - Since she whom I lov'd hath paid her last debt / To nature, and to hers, and my good is dead
- I am a little world made cunningly
 - I am a little world made cunningly / Of elements and an angelic sprite

Songs and Sonnets

- A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning
 - As virtuous men pass mildly away / And whisper to their souls to go
 - Dull sublunary lovers' love / (Whose soul is sense) cannot admit
 - A breach, but an expansion / Like gold to airy thinness beat
 - Thy firmness makes my circle just / And makes me end where I begun
 - Compares two lovers to a compass
- A Valediction of the Book
- A Valediction of Weeping

Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions

- Meditation XVII
 - "No man is an island"
 - "Ask not for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee"

Metaphysical poet

- Coined by Samuel Johnson
- Use of conceits, or short analogies

The Dream of the Rood

Old English poem about a man's vision of the Cross

- History from tree to crucifixion
- Covered in gemstones

John Dryden- English 1631-1700

Marriage a la mode

- Palmyra and Leonidas
- Raised by Hermogenes
- Rhodophil and Palamede

The Hind and the Panther

- Symbolism for his conversion to Catholicism amidst James II ascending to the throne
- Coins term "blaze of glory"

Mac Flecknoe

- Critique of poet Thomas Shadwell
- All humane things are subject to decay / and when Fate summons, Monarchs must obey

Absalom and Achitophel

- Satirizes King Charles II and the Exclusion Crisis

All for Love

- Last moments of Mark Antony and Cleopatra's life

"Glorious John" by Walter Scott

First Poet Laureate in 1668

TS Elliot- American turned English 1888-1965 1948 Nobel

"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"

- Begins with epigraph from the Divine Comedy
 - "S'io credesse che mia risposta fosse"
 - This tongue of flame would cease to flicker
- Let us go then, you and I / When the evening is spread out against the sky
- Like a patient etherised upon the table
- In the room the women come and go / Talking of Michelangelo
- The yellow fog that rubs its back upon the window-panes
- Time for you and time for me
- To wonder, "Do I dare?" and, "Do I dare"
- With a bald spot in the middle of my hair
- Do I dare / Disturb the universe?
- I have measured out my life with coffee spoons
- I should have been a pair of ragged claws / Scuttling across the floors of silent seas
- And I have seen the eternal Footman hold my coat, and snicker / And in short, I was afraid
- I have heard the mermaids singing, each to each
- I do not think that they will sing to me
- "Pervigilium", a blank four page section that was intended to be in the middle, but ultimately removed

The Waste Land

- Dedicated to "il miglior fabbro" ("the better craftsman")
 - Refers to Ezra Pound's help
- The Burial of the Dead
 - April is the cruelest month
 - I will show you fear in a handful of dust
- A Game of Chess
 - HURRY UP PLEASE ITS TIME

- The Fire Sermon
- Death by Water
 - Shortest section
- What the Thunder Said
- "Shantih shantih shantih"(peace peace peace)
 - Datta, dayadhvam, damyata

"The Hollow Men"

- Mistah Kurtz-he dead / A penny for the Old Guy
- Here we go round the prickly pear
- This is the way the world ends / Not with a bang but a whimper

"Ash Wednesday"

- Conversion to Anglicanism
- Because I do not hope to turn again
- Lady, three white leopards sat under a juniper tree

Four Quartets

- "Burnt Norton"
 - Inspired by garden of country house in Cotswolds
 - Time present and time past / are both perhaps present in time future
 - Garlic and sapphire in the mud / Clot the vessels axle tree
- "East Coker"
 - In my beginning is my end
- "Dry Salvages"
- "Little Gidding"

"Journey of the Magi"

- The coming we have had of it / just the worst time of year / For a journey, and such a long journey
- With an alien people clutching their gods / I should be glad for another death

Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats

- Basis for Cats

Murder in the Cathedral

- Murder of Thomas Becket

The Cocktail Party

Tradition and the Individual Talent

- Good poetry is novel but conforms to the traditions of the past

Hamlet and His Problems

- Objective correlative
 - Group of events or objects that systematically represent emotion

Lawrence Ferlinghetti- American 1919-2021

A Coney Island of the Mind

- I Am Waiting
- Junkman's Obligation

Published Ginsberg's Howl

Founded City Lights Bookstore in San Francisco

Edward Fitzgerald- English

The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

- "the wine of life... oozing drop by drop"
- "Who is the Potter, pray, and who the Pot"

- "A book of verses underneath the bough"
- "A jug of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou"
- "Beside me singing in the wilderness"
- "Oh, Wilderness were paradise enow"
- Quatrains

Anatole France- French 1844-1924

Penguin Island

The Gods Are Athirst

- Evariste Gamelin sentences Maurice Brotteaux to death during French Revolution

Revolt of the Angels

Philip Freneau- American 1752-1832

"Poet of the American Revolution"

The British Prison Ship

- Account of suffering and torture aboard the Aurora, which was captured by the British
- And millions murdered / still would murder more

The Wild Honeysuckle

- Fair flower, that dost so comely grow

The Indian Burying Ground

- Praises the Indian practice of burying the deceased upright

Robert Frost- American 1874-1963

The Road Not Taken

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

- Whose woods these are I think I know
- But I have promises to keep, / And miles to go before I sleep

Fire and Ice

North of Boston

- Mending Wall
 - Good fences make good neighbors
- After Apple-Picking
- The Death of the Hired Man
 - Silas wants to come back to work on Warren and Mary's farm
 - Mary "sat musing on the lamp-flame at the table"

Acquainted with the Night

- I have passed by the watchman on his beat / and dropped my eyes, unwilling to explain
- One luminary clock against the sky / Proclaimed the time was neither wrong nor right

Birches

The Oven Bird

- There is a singer everyone has heard, / Loud, a mid-summer and a mid-wood bird
- The question that he frames in all but words / Is what to make of a diminished thing

Out, Out-

- The buzz saw snarled and rattled in the yard
- His sister stood beside him in her apron / To tell them 'Supper'.
- No one believed. They listened at his heart / Little - Less - nothing! - and that ended it.
- No more to build on there. And they, since they / Were not the one dead, turned to their affairs

A Boys Will

Home Burial

The Hill Wife

- 5 sections of a wife losing sanity
- And he learned of finalities / besides the grave

The Gift Outright

- Recited at JFK's inauguration

Poet Laureate of Vermont

Kahlil Gibran- Lebanese

The Prophet

- Written in English instead of Farsi

The Madman

Broken Wings

Allen Ginsberg- American 1926-1997

Howl

- I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness
- Who threw potato salad at CCNY lecturers on Dadaism
- Moloch! Moloch!
- I'm with you in Rockland
- Dedicated to Carl Solomon

Kaddish

- Strange now to think of you, gone without corsets & eyes, while I walk on the sunny pavement of Greenwich Village
- "With your eyes" section
- Caw caw caw
- Written for the death of his mother Naomi

America

- America I've given you all and now I'm nothing
- America when will you send your eggs to India?
- America I will sentimental about the Wobblies
- America Sacco & Vanzetti must not die
- America I am the Scottsboro boys
- America I'm putting my queer shoulder to the wheel

Sunflower Sutra

- I walked on the banks of the tincan banana dock and sat down under the huge shade of a Southern Pacific locomotive to look at the sunset over the box house hills and cry

Thomas Gray- English

Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard

- Reflects on death, and how we are remembered

- "The curfew knells the toll of parting day"
- "Some mute inglorious Milton here may rest"
- "Some Cromwell guiltless of his country's blood"
- "far from the madding crowd"
- "Haply some hoary-headed swain may say"
- "Pursue the silent tenour of thy doom"

Hafez- Persian 1315-1390

Ghazals

Anthony Hecht- American 1923-2004

The Dover Bitch

- Parodies Arnold's "Dover Beach"
- It's true she had read Sophocles in a fairly good translation
- The notion of what his whiskers would feel like / on the back of her neck
- ...be addressed / as a sort of mournful cosmic last resort
- And sometimes I bring her a bottle of Nuit d'Amour

More Light! More Light!

- Describes the death of man at the stake, and then the burial of two Jews during the Holocaust and the murder of the Pole who was forced to do it
- Dedicated to Heinrich Blucher and Hannah Arendt

The Book of Yolek

William Ernest Henley- English 1849-1903

Invictus

- Under the bludgeonings of chance / My head is bloody, but unbowed
- It matters not how strait the gate / How charged with punishments the scroll
- I am the master of my fate / I am the captain of my soul

In Hospital

- Collection detailing patient's lives in hospitals

The Song of the Sword

- Dedicated to Kipling

Had one leg

- Inspiration for Long John Silver

George Herbert- Welsh 1593-1633

Easter Wings

- Flipped sideways and shaped like the actual wings

The Temple

The Country Parson

Jacula Prudentum

Jose Hernandez- Argentine 1834-1886

Martin Fierro

- Epic poem about gaucho contribution to national development

Robert Herrick- English 1591-1674

Hesperides

- To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time

- Gather ye rosebuds while ye may
- Carpe Diem
- Corinna's Going A-Mayin
- Delight in Disorder
 - Against the Puritanism of Cromwell
- Cherry-ripe
- Upon Julia's Clothes
- The Argument of His Book
 - I sing of brooks, blossoms, birds, and bowers
- Cavalier poet
 - Supported Charles I

Hesiod- Greek

Theogony

Works and Days

Shield of Heracles

Catalogue of Women

- Mortal women who mated with Gods
- First woman listed is Pyrrha
- "or such as"

Geoffrey Hill- English 1932-2016

"Ovid and the Third Reich"

- "God / Is distant, difficult"

Mercian Hymns

Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.- American 1809-1894

The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table

"The Chambered Nautilus"

- This is the ship of pearl, which, poets feign / sails the unshadowed main
- From thy dead lips a clearer not is born / that ever Triton blew from wreathed horn
- Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul
- Till thou at length art free / Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea

"The Deacon's Masterpiece"

- One-horse shay being built in a logical way
- Falls apart on the 100th anniversary of Lisbon earthquake

"Old Ironsides"

- Ay tear her tattered ensign down! Long has it waved high
- No more shall feel the victor's tread / Or know the conquered knee
- The harpies of the shore shall pluck / The eagle of the sea!
- And give to her the god of storms / The lightning and the gale

"The Last Leaf"

- "the last leaf upon the tree in the Spring"

"Contentment"

- The humble let me live and die

Elsie Venner

- First "medicated novel"
- Elsie is half-snake because her mother was bitten by rattlesnake

- Bernard Langdon moves to Rockland to work in the Apollinean Female Institute

Coined term Boston Brahmins
Invented stereoscope
Fireside Poet

Horace- Roman 65-8

Odes

- Now is the time to drink
- Carpe diem
- It is sweet and honorable to die for one's country

Ars Poetica

- Treatise on poetry
- "Sometimes even good Homer nods off"

Satires

Epistles

Epodes

AE Housman- English

A Shropshire Lad

- 19 To an Athlete Dying Young
 - And early though the laurel grows / it withers quicker than a rose
- Terrence, this is stupid stuff

Langston Hughes- American 1901-1967

Harlem

- What happens to a dream deferred

The Negro Speaks of Rivers

- My soul has grown deep like the rivers

The Weary Blues

- Droning a drowsy syncopated tune / Rocking back and forth to a mellow croon
- Thump, thump, thump, went his foot on the floor
- He slept like a rock or a man that's dead

Mother to Son

- Life for me ain't been no crystal stair
- It had tacks in it, and splinters, and boards torn up

I, Too

- They send me to eat in the kitchen / when company comes
- They'll see how beautiful I am / And be ashamed- I too am America

Theme for English B

- Go home and write a page tonight
- So will my page be colored that I write

Let America Be America Again

Ted Hughes- American 1930-1998

Birthday Letters

- Details relationship with Sylvia Plath, published months before his death
- "The dreamer in her had fallen in love with me"

The Hawk in the Rain

The Iron Man

- Basis for The Iron Giant

Crow

Married to Sylvia Plath

Randall Jarrell- American 1914-1965

Death of the Ball Turret Gunner

The Woman at the Washington Zoo

The Lost World

Pictures from an Institution

The Bat-Poet

- Illustrated by Maurice Sendak

Juan Ramon Jimenez- Andalucian 1881-1958

Platero y yo

- Donkey names Platero ("silvery") that the author loves and confides in

"I Am Not I"

- "I am not I / I am this one"
- "who remain standing when I die"

1956 Nobel

John Keats- English 1795-1821 Romantic

"Ode to a Nightingale"

- My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains / My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk
- Away! Away! For I will fly to thee / Not charioted by Bacchus and his pards
- But on the viewless wings of Poesy / Though the dull brain perplexes and retards
- Already with thee! Tender is the night / And haply the Queen-Moon is on her throne
- Darkling I listen and, for many a time / I have been half in love with easeful Death
- Still wouldst thou sing, and I have ears in vain / To thy high requiem become a sod
- Thou was not born for death, immortal Bird! / No hungry generations tread thee down
- Though the sad heart of Ruth, when, sick for home / She stood in tears amid the alien corn
- Forlorn! The very word is like a bell / To toll me back from thee to my sole self!
- Was it a vision, or a waking dream? / Fled is that music: - Do I wake or sleep?

Sleep and Poetry

On First Looking into Chapman's Homer

- Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold / And many goodly states and kingdoms seen

Ode on an Grecian Urn

- Antidote to Ozymandias
- Viewing scenes of a lover pursuing a lady and the sacrifice of a cow on an urn
- Thou still inravish'd bride of quietness / Thou foster-child of silence and slow time
- What men or gods are these?

- Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard / Are sweeter
- More happy love! More happy, happy love!
- Beauty is truth, truth beauty,- that is all / Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know

Ode on Melancholy

Ode to Pysche

To Autumn

- Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?

Ode on Indolence

Bright Star

- Bright star, would I were steadfast as thou art
- Like nature's patient, sleepless Emerite

Endymion

- A think of beauty is a joy forever

Joyce Kilmer- American 1886-1918

Trees

- "Poems are made by fools like me / But only God can make a tree"

Philip Larkin- English 1922-1985

This Be The Verse

- They fuck you up, your mum and dad

High Windows

- When I see a couple of kids /And guess he's fucking her and she's / Taking pills or wearing a diaphragm, / I know this is paradise

Church Going

The Whitsun Weddings

- An Arundel Tomb
 - Based on on entombed couple holding hands

Emma Lazarus- American 1849-1887

"The New Colossus"

- Sonnet that appears on statue of liberty

"By the Waters of Babylon"

"The Jewish Synagogue at Newport"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow- American 1807-1882

"Paul Revere's Ride" (The Landlord's Tale in Tales of a Wayside Inn)

"The Song of Hiawatha"

- Trochaic tetrameter
- Ojibew warrior, Manabozho, Minnehaha
- "By the shores of Gitche Gumee, by the shining Big-Sea-Water, stood the wigwam of Nokomis"
- Woodpecker helps Hiawatha kill evil magician Pearl Father

"Evangeline"

- Dactylic hexameter
- "This is the forest primeval"
- Evangeline who stops to look at gravestones to see if they hold her lover Gabriel, finally finds him while tending to the sick in Philadelphia

- Acadians
- Basil the blacksmith
- Benedict Bellefontaine, her father

"The Cross of Snow"

- Written for deceased wife
- "And seasons, changeless since the day she died"

"A Psalm of Life"

"The Courtship of Miles Standish"

- Miles Standish and John Alden vie for affections of Priscilla Mullins
- "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

"Excelsior"

- Youth who dies climbing the Alps
- Carries a banner with a "strange device" emblazoned with "Excelsior"

"The Children's Hour"

- Love of his daughters who "storm his castle"

"Mezzo Cammin"

- Inspired by his translation of the Divine Comedy

"The Wreck of the Hesperus"

"The Village of the Blacksmith"

- Works under chestnut tree

Kavanaugh

- Mr. Churchill

Hyperion

Fireside Poet

Richard Lovelace- English 1617-1657

To Althea, from Prison

- Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage

To Lucasta, Going to the Wars

Cavalier poet

James Russell Lowell- American 1819-1891

A Fable for Critics

- Criticized many of his contemporaries
- Called Poe "three fifths genius and two fifths sheer fudge"

The Biglow Papers

The Pioneer

Fireside Poet

Robert Lowell- American 1917-1977

"Life Studies"

"Notebook"

Lord Weary's Castle

- The Quaker Graveyard in Nantucket
 - Dedicated to cousin Warren Winslow, dead at sea
 - Many comparisons to Moby Dick
 - The Lord survive the rainbow of His will

For the Union Dead

- "For the Union Dead"
 - Boston Commons
 - Robert Gould Shaw Memorial
 - 54th Massachusetts Infantry
 - The Old South Boston Aquarium stands
- "Beyond the Alps"
- "Water"
- "The Old Flame"
- "The Public Garden"
- "Death from Cancer"
- "Skunk Hour"
 - Dedicated to Elizabeth Bishop, who dedicated "The Armadillo" to him
 - A car radio bleats / "Love, O Careless Love"
 - I myself am hell
 - She jabs her wedge head in a cup / of sour cream, drops her tail, and will not scare

The Mills of the Kavanaughs

- Wife Anne remembers her deceased husband Harry

Hugh MacDiarmid- Scottish 1892-1978

A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle

- Includes responses to Dostoyevsky and Nietzsche
 - "we cannot tell our voices from the wind"
- "To meddle with the thistle and to pluck"
- Man falls into a ditch and ponders the thistle

Louis MacNeice- Irish 1907-1963

Letters from Iceland

The Earth Compels

- Carrickfergus
- June Thunder
- The Sunlight on the Garden
- Bagpipe Music
- Rugby Football Excursion

Autumn Journal

Prayer Before Birth

Osip Mandelstam- Russian

Stalin Epigram

- "Kremlin highlander"
- "booming, poking, and whiffing"

Tristia

Jose Marti- Cuban 1853-1895

Founded many newspapers

- Patria
- The Limping Devil
- The Free Fatherland

Versos Sencillos (Simple Verses)

- Guantanamera

"Our America"

- "The conceited villager believes the entire world to be his village"
- "Spread the seed of the new America over the romantic nations"

Used as a symbol of the Revolution

Died during Battle of Dos Rios

Andrew Marvell- English

"To His Coy Mistress"

- Would spend centuries admiring each body part
- Should love now, soon we will be dead
- My vegetable Love should grow / Vaster than empires, and more slow
- The graves a fine and private place, But none, I think, do there embrace
- Though we cannot make our sun stand still, yet we will make him run

"Upon Appleton House"

- Country house poem, describing house of Thomas Fairfax
- Questions why men build "unproportion'd dwellings"

"The Garden"

- How vainly men themselves amaze / To win the palm, the oak, or bayes

An Horatian Ode upon Cromwell's Return from Ireland

- The forward youth that does appear / Must now forsake his Muses dear

Mower poems

- The Mower's Song
 - Mower sings about lover Juliana
- The Mower to the Glow-Worms

John McCrae- Canadian

In Flanders Fields

- "Poppies blow"

Edna St. Vincent Millay- American 1892-1950

A Few Figs from Thistles

- First Fig
 - My candle burns on both ends / it will not last the night
- Second Fig
 - Safe upon the solid rock the ugly houses stand / Come and see my shining palace, built upon the sand

Euclid Alone Has Looked on Beauty Bare

Ballad of the Harp Weaver

- You've need of clothes to cover your / and not a rag have I
- Were the clothes of a king's son, just my size

Renascence

- All I could see from where I stood / Was three long mountains and a wood
- Ah, awful weight! Infinity / Pressed down upon the finite me

John Milton- English 1608-1674

Paradise Lost

- Epic poem in blank verse

- Satan tricks Eve to eating forbidden fruit, Adam follows
- Michael, an angel, shows them visions of the future
 - "A paradise within thee, happier far"
- Themes of marriage and idolatry

Aeropagitica

- Defense for free speech

"On His Blindness"

- Theme that everybody has limitations, but they aren't that bad

Served under Oliver Cromwell

Gabriela Mistral- Chilean 1889-1957

Sonnets of Death

- Inspired by suicide of her lover Romelio Ureta
- From that frozen niche the men have put you
- And the earth must be soft like a cradle / to receive you
- First place winner of Juegos Florales

Desolacion (Despair)

"His Name is Today"

- Many things we need can wait / But the child cannot
- To him, we cannot answer, "Tomorrow" / His name is "Today"

"Fear"

- I don't want them to turn / my little girl into a swallow
- She would nest in the eaves / where I could not comb her hair
- They would put her on a throne / where I could not go to see her

"Decalogue of the Artist"

- 10 rules for poets

Eugenio Montale- Italian 1896-1981

Cuttlefish Bones

Nobel 1975

Marianne Moore- American 1887-1972

Collected Poems

- National Book Award, Bollingen Prize, and Pulitzer

"A Grave"

- "Man looking into the sea... the sea has nothing to give but a well excavated grave"

"An Octopus"

- "Neatness of finish! Neatness of finish"
- "Live happy souls in hell"
- "the white volcano... snow falling on the peak"

"The Pangolin"

- "Leonardo Da Vinci's replica"

"Poetry"

- "I too, dislike it"
- "Reading it, however, with a perfect contempt for it, one discovers in it, after all, a place for the genuine"

"The Steeple-Jack"

- "Durer would have seen a reason for living in a town like this, with eight

stranded whales to look at"
"The Fish"

Pablo Neruda- Chilean 1904-1973 1971 Nobel

Twenty Love Poems and Song of Despair

- 1 Body of a Woman
 - Body of a woman, white hills, white thighs / you look like a world, lying in surrender
 - But the hour of vengeance falls, and I love you / body of skin, of moss, of eager and firm milk
- 7 White Bee
 - White bee, you buzz in my soul, drunk with honey
 - Ah you who are silent
- 16 Thinking, Tangling Shadows
 - Thinking, tangling shadow in the deep solitude / you are far away too, oh farther than anyone
 - Thinking, freeing birds, dissolving images, / burying lamps
 - Belfry of fogs, how far away, up there!
- 20 Tonight I Can Write
 - Tonight I can write the saddest lines
 - Write for example "The night is shattered / and the blue stars shiver in the distance"
 - She loved me sometimes and I loved her too
- The Song of Despair
 - Deserted like the wharves at dawn / It is the hour of departure, oh deserted one!
 - You swallowed everything , like distance / Like the sea, like time. In you everything sank!

Canto General

- 2 The Heights of Macchu Picchu
 - From breeze to breeze, like an empty net / at the advent of autumn, I wandered between the streets and the air

Elemental Odes

- Dedicated to everyday objects like artichokes, onions, and socks

"I'm Explaining a Few Things"

Joined Communist Party

- "If we joined all the blood split in your struggle, we'd have a new ocean"

Won Lenin Peace Prize

Alfred Noyes- English 1880-1958

The Highwayman

- Highwayman is in love with Bess, the landlord's daughter

Okigbo- Nigerian 1932-1967

Heavensgate

- "Mother Idoto"

Died fighting for independence of Biafra

Wilfred Owen

"Dulce et Decorum est"

- Chlorine gas during WWI
- "Children ardent for some desperate glory"
- "Blood / came gargling from his froth-corrupted lungs"
- "White eyes writhing in ... / his hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin"
- Sees a man "through misty panes"
- "Gas! GAS! Quick, boys!"
- "old beggars under sacks"
- Dedicated to Jessie Pope

"Insensibility"

"Futility"

"Anthem for the Doomed Youth"

"Spring Offensive"

"Strange Meeting"

Octavio Paz- Mexican 1914-1998 1990 Nobel

"The Labyrinth of Solitude"

- 9 part essay
- Attitudes toward death and fiesta
- The Pachuco and other extremes
- Mexican Masks
- The Day of the Dead
- The Sons of La Malinche
- The Conquest and Colonialism
- From Independence to the Revolution
- The Mexican Intelligence
- The Present Day
- The Dialectic of Solitude

"Sun Stone"

- Venus
- 584 lines
- Inspired by Aztec Calendar
- A willow of crystal, a poplar of water
- Turning course of a river that goes curving, / advances and retreats

"The Bow and the Lyre"

- Theory of poetry
- Title comes from Heraclitus

"The Traps of Faith"

Former ambassador to India

Fernando Pessoa- Portuguese

The Book of Disquiet

- "Factless autobiography"

Lisbon Revisited

Heteronyms

Petrarch- Italian 1304-1374

Triumphs

- Love, Chastity, Death, Fame, Time, Eternity

Il Canzoniere (Songbook)

- Dedicated to love Laura

Rime Sparse

"My Secret Book"

- Imaginary dialogue with Augustine of Hippo

"On Famous Men"

"On the Solitary Life"

"Remedies for Fortune and Foul"

"Petrarch's Guide to the Holy Land"

Climbed Mount Ventoux

Coined term Dark Age

Humanist

Sylvia Plath- American 1932-1963

The Colossus and Other Poems

Ariel

- "Lady Lazarus"
 - "I have done it again. / One year in every ten / I manage it-"
 - "Dying / Is an art, like everything else."
 - "Out of the ash / I rise with my red hair / And I eat men like air"
- "Tulips"
 - "I am nobody; I have nothing to do with explosions"
- "Ariel"
 - Written on her 30th birthday, five months before suicide
 - Horse ride toward the rising sun
 - "Eye, the cauldron of morning"
- "Daddy"
 - About her father Otto with Holocaust imagery
 - "With your Luftwaffe, your gobbledygoo"
 - "Panzer man, panzer an"
- "The Munich Mannequins"

Crossing the Water

Winter Trees

The Bell Jar

- Semi-autobiographical novel
- Esther Greenwood gains a summer internship at Ladies Day magazine company in NYC under Jay Cee
- Friends Doreen and Betsy
- Benefactress Philomena Guinea
- Receives ECT from Dr. Gordon, and later visits Dr. Nolan
- Hometown boyfriend Buddy Williard
- Character hates Mr. Manzi's physics class
- Character envisions different life paths as figs on a tree

Mad Girl's Love Song

- (I think I made you up inside my head)
- Villanelle

"Two Lovers and a Beachcomber by the Real Sea"

Li Po- Chinese 710-762

"Waking from Drunkenness on a Spring Day"

"Drinking Alone by Moonlight"

- A cup of wine, under the flowering trees

"The River Merchant's Wife"

"The Hard Road to Shu"

"Quiet Night Thought"

Most famous Tang Dynasty poet

Li Bai, Li Bo, Li Taibai

Fable that he drowned while reaching for the moon's reflection drunk

Many poems translated by Ezra Pound

Edgar Allen Poe- American 1809-1849

Tamerlane and Other Poems

"The Bells"

"Annabel Lee"

"A Dream Within a Dream"

"The Raven"

- "Once upon a midnight dreary, as I pondered weak and weary"
- Set in "bleak December"
- "Night's Plutonian Shore"
- Examined in his essay "The Philosophy of Composition"

"The Black Cat"

- Narrator gouges Pluto's eyes out, and then hangs it
- Then kills wife, entombs her, and is foiled by cat when police come

"The Fall of the House of Usher"

"The Masque of the Red Death"

"The Pit and the Pendulum"

"The Tell-Tale Heart"

- Old Man has a "vulture-like" eye

"The Cask of the Amontillado"

- Montresor entombs Fortunato
- "he shall not die of cough"

"The Gold-Bug"

- Cryptography
- Legrand and servant Jupiter

"The Murderers in the Rue Morgue"

- Dupin investigates a murder by Orangutans

"The Purloined Letter"

"Hop-Frog"

- Dwarf dresses up the King and his cabinet as orangutans, and burns them alive
- Escapes with Trippetta

"Metzengerstein"

- Baron Frederick rides a fiery horse into a burning castle
- Hungary

The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar

- Hypnotic state of Ernest Valdemar before death

The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym of Nantucket

- Jules Verne wrote a sequel called The Sphinx of the Ice Fields that ends in

Antarctica

The Man of the Crowd

- "X ray of a detective story" by Walter Benjamin
- Identified in Baudelaire's "A Painter of Modern Life"
- Inspired Stephane Mallarme and other Symbolists

Eureka: A Prose Poem

Griswold's memoir upon death

Alexander Pope- English 1688-1744

Essay on Criticism

- "For fools rush in where angels fear to tread"
- "To err is human; to forgive, divine"

The Rape of the Lock

- Opens by saying that a "dire offence" has been committed
- Belinda
- Ariel, her sylph, warns her that "some dress event impedes"
- Plays a game of ombre at Hampton Court
- During the game, Baron cuts a lock of her hair
 - Attempts three times, accidentally cutting a sylph another time
- Umbriel, a gnome, travels to the Cave of Spleen and receives from the Queen
 - A bag of "sobs, sighs, and passions, and the war of tongues"
 - A vial "filled with fainting tears, soft morrows, melting griefs, and flowing tears"
- Pours them upon Belinda and Thalestris, the woman consoling her
- Belinda tries to play it off, but people start fighting
 - "what mighty contests arrive from trivial things"
- She throws snuff up the Baron's nose, but he refuses to give the lock back
- The lock is then made into a constellation
- Based on Lord Petre's attempt to cut the hair of Arabella Fermor, and the ensuing fight between the two families
- Later editions open with a dedicatory letter
- Mock heroic epic

The Dunciad

- Goddess Dulness brings decay, imbecility, and tastelessness to the Kingdom of Great Britain
- Mocks Lewis Theobald and Colley Cibber
- Attacks Robert Walpole

An Essay on Man

- Four epistles
 - First three published anonymously after poor reviews
- Man cannot complain about his place in the Great chain of being
 - From god to men to plants and minerals
- "vindicate the ways of God to man"
 - References Milton
- "Whatever is, is right"
- "too much knowledge for the sceptic side"
- "too much weakness for the stoic's pride"
- Claims man has gone power crazy with science, but warns us not to become fools

Epistle to Arbuthnot

- To his physician friend John Arbuthnot on his deathbed
- "Damn with faint praise"
- "Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel"

Eloisa to Abelard

- "Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind"

Imitations of Horace

Brutus

- Patriotic mock epic he never started

Attacked by Edmund Curll in his "The Popiad"

Translated Homer

Walter Raleigh- English 1554-1618

"The Nymph's Reply to the Shepherd"

- Parodies Marlowe poem
- "When rivers rage and rocks grow cold, and Philomel becometh dumb"
- "Then these delights my mind might move, to live with thee and be thy love"

"Cynthia"

- Lost poem

The Lie

- "Go, Soul, the body's guest, upon a thankless errand; Fear not to touch the best; the truth shall be thy warrant"

Friend of Edmund Spenser

Adrienne Rich- American 1929-2012

A Change of World

Diving into the Wreck

- "Diving into the Wreck"
 - "First having read the books of myths / and loaded the camera"
 - "the body-armor of black rubber / the absurd flippers / the grave and awkward mask"
 - "it is easy to forget / what I came for"
 - Compares herself to mermaid and merman
- "The Ninth Symphony of Beethoven at Last Understood as a Sexual Message"
- "The Fact of a Doorframe"
- "From an Old House in America"
- "Meditations for a Savage Child"

Snapshots of a Daughter-in-Law

"Orion"

"Valediction Forbidding Mourning"

"Disloyal to Civilization: Feminism, Racism, Gynephobia"

- Talks about "white solipsism"

Rainer Maria Rilke- Bohemian-Austrian

Duino Elegies

- "Who if I cried out would hear me among the angelic orders?"

Sonnets to Orpheus

- "There rose a tree. O pure transcendence!"

The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Bridge

- Only novel

Letters to a Young Poet

- Written to Franz Xaver Krappus, who asked for his advice on his poetry
- "Nobody can advise you and help you, nobody. There is only way. Go into yourself."

"The Panther"

- "His gaze against the sweeping of the bars"

"Archaic Torso of Apollo"

- "from all borders of itself, burst like a star"
- "for here there is no place that does not see you. You must change your life"

Inspired by J.P. Jacobsen

Arthur Rimbaud- French 1854-1891

A Season in Hell

- "Delirium 1" (Foolish Virgin)
 - Enslaved to his infernal bridegroom
 - Allegory for relationship with Paul Verlaine
- "Delirium 2" (Alchemy of the Word)
- "Bad Blood"

"The Drunken Boat"

- Lighter than a cork I danced on the waves
- And the yellow and blue awakening of singing phosphorous
- I struck against, you know, unbelievable Floridas
- About drifting and sinking of a boat lost at sea

Illuminations

Symbolist

Edwin Arlington Robinson- American 1869-1935

Children of the Night

- Richard Cory
 - He was a gentleman from sole to crown / Clean favored, and imperially slim
 - And Richard Cory, one calm summer night / Went home and put a bullet through his head
- Rueben Bright
 - Butcher who cries when his wife dies, and tears down his butcher shop at the end
- Luke Havergal
 - Go to the western gate, Luke Havergal

The Town Down the River

- Miniver Cheevy
 - He wept that he was ever born / and he had reasons
 - Miniver loved the Medici / albeit he had never seen one
 - Miniver Cheevy, born too late / scratched his head and kept on thinking
 - Miniver coughed, and called it fate / And kept on drinking

Mr. Flood's Party

- Man sings Auld Lang Syne on hill

Theodore Roethke- American 1908-1963

The Waking

- I wake to sleep, and take my waking slow
- I feel my fate in what I cannot fear
- I learn by goin where I have to go
- Read in Slaughterhouse Five
- Villanelle

My Papa's Waltz

The Far Field

Christina Rossetti- English 1830-1894

Goblin Market

- Laura is entranced by the fruits of the goblins
 - Pays for it with "a tear more rare than a pearl" and a lock of hair
- Saved by sister Lizzie
- "Bloom down cheek'd peaches, swart-headed mulberries"
- "Come buy, come buy"
- Criticized for sexual imagery
- Illustrated by Dante Rossetti

"A Birthday"

- My heart is like a
 - Singing bird
 - Rainbow shell

"Up-Hill"

- Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak

"Dream Land"

- Rest, rest, for evermore / Upon a mossy shore

"Remember"

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

Rumi- Persian 1207-1273

Masnavi (Spiritual Couplets)

- "Song of the Reed"
- "The Elephant in the Dark"
 - Group of men feel different parts of an elephant in the dark, and therefore all have different experiences

Divan

- Dedicated to his master Shams of Tabriz

Works "translated" by Coleman Barks

Sufi master

Carl Sandburg- American 1878-1967

Chicago Poems

Chicago

- "Hog Butcher, Tool Maker, Stacker of Wheat, Player with Railroads, and Freight Handler to the Nation"
- "They tell me you are wicked and I believe them, for I have seen your painted women under the gas lamps luring the farm boys"
- "I have seen the gunman kill and go free again"

- "Flinging magnetic curses amid the toil of piling job on job"

Fog

- The fog comes / on little feet

Grass

- Pile the bodies high at Austerlitz and Waterloo

The People, Yes

- Lincoln? Was he a poet?

Rootabaga Stories

- Children stories
- Told by the Potato Face Blind Man
- Sequel Rootabaga Pigeons

Cornhuskers

Smoke and Steels

American Songbag

Abraham Lincoln: The War Years

- Biography

Sappho- Greek 630-570 BC

Lesbos

- Sexuality is "The Great Sappho Question"

Ode to Aphrodite

- "Deathless Aphrodite of the spangled mind"
- "With thy chariot yoked; and with doves that drew thee"
- "Still be my ally"
- "Iridescent throned"
- Translated in Anne Carson's If Not, Winter

Ode to Anactoria

- "Peer of the gods"

Brothers Poem

- Discovered in 2014

Siegfried Sassoon- English 1886-1967

"Sherston Trilogy"

- Autobiography

"Soldier's Declaration" of 1917

"Counter-Attack"

- "O Christ, they're coming at us"

"Attack"

- "O Jesus, make it stop"

Leopold Senghor- Senegalese

Shadow Songs

Ethiopiques

Founder of Negritude movement

First President of Senegal

Robert Service- British-Canadian

"The Bard of Yukon"

- Was a blank clerk during Klondike Gold Rush

"The Shooting of Dan McGrew"
"The Cremation of Sam McGee"
Songs of a Sourdough

Philip Sidney- English 1554-1586

Astrophel and Stella
The Defence of Poesy
The Countess of Pembroke's Arcadia
"Ye Goat-Herd Gods"
• Sestina

Tracy K Smith- American 1972

Life on Mars
• About father who worked on Hubble telescope
Ordinary Light
• Memoir
Poet Laureate 2017-2019

The Song of Roland

- Epic of French literature
- Based on Roland's death at Battle of Roncevaux path

Robert Southey

Lake poet

Edmund Spenser- English 1552-1599

The Faerie Queene

- Celebrates Tudor dynasty of Elizabeth 1
 - Represented by Gloriana
- 6 books
- Redcrosse Knight
- Una, his love
- Achrimago, evil sorcerer
 - Creates a false Una
 - Creates a squire to trick Redcrosse into thinking Una was unchaste
- Duessa
 - Feigns distress to capture knight, and take him to giant Orgoglio
- Sir Guyon
- Defeats evil witch Arcrasia
- Britomart, a lady knight
- Falls in love with Arthegal

The Shepheardes Calendar

- Based on Virgil's eclogues
- Colin Clout
 - Character created by John Skelton
- 12 months of the year as shepherd
- Each is preceded by a woodcut and a motto
- Commentary by "E.K."
 - First to use word sarcasm

Complaints

- The Ruines of Time
- The Teares of the Muses
- Virgils Gnat
- Prosopoeia, or Mother Hubberds Tale
- The Ruines of Rome
- Muipotmos: or the Fate or the Butterflie
- Visions of the Worlds Vanitie
- The Visions of Bellay
- The Visions of Petrarch

Amoretti

- Sonnet cycle about his courtship of Elizabeth Boyle

Epithalamion

- Ode written to Elizabeth Boyle on their wedding day
- 24 stanzas, one for each hour, describing it
- Starts with invocation of the Muses, to nerves, to hopes that she is fertile

Prothalamion

- Written for the double marriage of his daughters
 - Elizabeth and Katherine Somerset
- "Sweet Thames run softly, till I end my song"

A View of the Present State of Ireland

- Thought Ireland was legally and culturally backward

Gaspara Stampa- Italian 1523-1554

311 poems

"By Now I Am So Tired of Waiting"

Greatest woman poet of Italian Renaissance

Wallace Stevens- American 1879-1955 1955 Pulitzer

Harmonium

- "Anecdote of the Jar"
 - "I placed a jar in Tennessee / And round it was, upon a hill"
 - "It made the slovenly wilderness / Surround that hill"
 - "It took dominion everywhere / The jar was gray and bare"
- "Disillusionment of Ten O'Clock"
 - "Catching tigers in red weather"
- "The Emperor of Ice-Cream"
- "Sunday Morning"
 - "And the green freedom of the cockatoo"
- "The Snow Man"
- "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird"
 - "Among twenty snows mountains"
 - Is "one" with "a man and woman"
 - "Rode over Connecticut"
 - "I know noble accents / And lucid, inescapable rhythms"
 - "It was evening all afternoon"
 - "It marked the edge / of one of many circles"
- Peter Quince at the Clavier

Ideas of Order

- "The Idea of Order at Key West"

The Man with the Blue Guitar

Parts of the World

Transport to Summer

The Auroras of Autumn

Three Academic Pieces

John Suckling- English 1609-1641

Ballade upon a Wedding

Aglaura

- Play
- "Why so pale and wan, fond lover"

Rabindranath Tagore- Bengali 1861-1941

Gitanjali (Song Offerings)

- Yeats wrote introduction
- 1913 Nobel
- "let my country awake"
- "this little flute of a reed"
- "thou hast made me endless, such is thy pleasure"

Gora (Fair-Faced)

Ghare-Baire (The Home and the World)

Red Oleanders

The Post Office

The Home and the World

- Nikhil, Bimala, and Sandip

Jana Gana Mana

- National anthem of India

1913 Nobel

Allen Tate- American 1899-1979

"Ode to the Confederate Dead"

Poet Laureate from 1943-1944

Alfred Lord Tennyson- British 1809-1892

Break, Break, Break

- Break, break, break / On thy cold grey stones, O Sea!

Charge of the Light Brigade

In Memoriam A. H. H.

Tears, Idle Tears

- Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean
- So sad, so strange, the days that are no more

Flowers in the Crannied Wall

Crossing the Bar

- I hope to see my pilot face to face / when I have crossed the bar

Claribel

- Where Claribel low-lieth
- At noon the wild bee hummeth

Idylls of the King

- Cycle of poems based on Arthurian legend

Lady of Shalott

Dylan Thomas- Welsh

Do not go gentle into that good night

- "Rage, rage against the dying of the light"

And death shall have no dominion

- "Though lovers be lost love shall not"
- "And the unicorn evils run them through"

A Child's Christmas in Wales

- BBC Radio

Portrait of the Artist as a Young Dog

James Thomson- Scottish 1700-1748

The Seasons

The Castle of Indolence

Lyrics of "Rule, Britannia"

Cesar Vallejo- Peruvian 1892-1938

The Black Heralds

- There are blows in life so powerful... I don't know!

Trilce

Exiled in Paris for most of his life

Francois Villon- French 1431-1463

Le Testament

- "The Ballad of Dead Ladies"
 - "Oh, where are the snows of yesteryear"
 - Dante Rossetti coined a new word to translate the final word "antan"

The Romance of the Devil's Fart

Derek Walcott- Saint Lucian 1930-2017

Omeros

- Loosely based on the Iliad
- Achille and Hector
- Philoctete sustains wound from dropping anchor on foot
- Walcott meets his father Warwick

Dream on Monkey Mountain

White Egrets

"A Far Cry from Africa"

"Love After Love"

"Ruins of a Great House"

Sea Grapes

- The classics can console. But not enough.

Walt Whitman- Father of free verse, humanist, American

Franklin Evans

Life and Adventures of Jack Engle

Democratic Vistas

Drum Taps

Leaves of Grass

Song of Myself

- "For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you"
- "I stop somewhere, waiting for you"
- "barbaric yawp"
- "a uniform hieroglyphic"
- "the beautiful uncut hair of graves"
- "What is the grass / very well I contradict myself"
- Part from the perspective of Jesus goes "Enough! Enough! Enough!"

I Sing the Body Electric

Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking

When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd

- Honors death of Lincoln
- "O powerful western fallen star"

O Captain! My Captain!

This Dust was Once the Man

Hush'd Be the Camps To-Day

Crossing Brooklyn Ferry

A Noiseless Patient Spider

One Hour to Madness and Joy

One's Self I Sing

Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking

Patrolling Barnegat

Pioneers! O Pioneers!

Prayer of Columbus

Song of the Open Road

When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer

- "how soon unaccountable I became tired and sick"

John Greenleaf Whittier- American 1807-1892

"Barbara Freitchie"

- Gray haired lady tells Stonewall Jackson that he can shoot her, but spare the flag
- Frederick, Maryland

Snow-Bound

- Family shares stories while stuck inside during snowstorm
- One character tells stories about his time at Dartmouth

"Maud Muller"

- Lady meets judge in the town
- Both infatuated with each other, but neither voice their feelings
- "For all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"
- Satirized in Harte's "Mrs. Judge Jenkins"

Quaker and abolitionist

Fireside Poet

William Carlos Williams- American 1893-1963

The Desert Music and Other Poems

Pictures from Brueghel and Other Poems

Spring and All

- "Spring and All"
 - "By the road to the contagious hospital"
- "The Red Wheelbarrow"
 - Glazed with rain / water
 - Beside the white / chickens

Journey to Love

- "Asphodel, That Greeny Flower"
 - "Yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there"
 - Example of "Triadic-line poetry"

Paterson

- Epic poem
- "no ideas but in things"

"This is Just to Say"

- "I have eaten plums that were in the icebox"

William Wordsworth- poet laureate from 1843 to 1850 (pleurisy)

Lyrical Ballads

- Tintern Abbey
 - Based on his trip to a ruined church with his sister Dorothy
 - Five years have past: five summers with the length
 - Or of some Hermit's cave, where by his fire / the hermit sits alone

I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud (Daffodils)

- And then my heart with pleasure fills / And dances with daffodils

"The Prelude"

- Introduction to "Recluse"
- Poem to Coleridge
- Poem on the growth of my own mind
- Autobiographical blank verse

The Recluse

- The Excursion
 - Second and only part of recluse; prospectus

The Borderers

- Verse tragedy and only play during King Henry II

The Lucy Poems

- Strange fits of passion have I known
 - When she I loved looked every day / Fresh as a rose in June
 - When down behind the cottage roof / At once the bright moon dropped
 - "O, mercy!" to myself I cried / "If Lucy should be dead"
- A slumber did my spirit seal
 - Rolled around in earth's diurnal course

"Character of the Happy Warrior"

- After death of Lord Nelson
- "he whom every man in arms should wish to be"
- Path of the warrior "always bright"

London, 1802

- Milton! Thou shouldst be living at this hour

Poems in Two Volumes

- Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood
- The World is Too Much with Us
 - Criticizes Industrial Revolution

Sister Dorothy

Lake Poets

Thomas Wyatt- English 1503-1542

Tottel's Miscellany

Introduced sonnet to English literature

Diplomat for Henry VIII

WB Yeats- Irish, 1923 Nobel

The Tower

- "Sailing to Byzantium"
 - Caught in the sensual music all neglect / monuments of unaging intellect
 - Consume my heart away; sick with desire
 - Of what is past, passing, or to come
- "Leda and the Swan"
- "Among School Children"
 - How can we know the dancer from the dance?
- "Second Coming"
 - Things fall apart: the center cannot hold
 - The best lack all conviction, while the worst / are full of passionate intensity
 - spiritus mundi
 - A shape with lion body and head of man
 - And what rough beast, it's hour come round at last
 - Slouches toward Bethlehem to be born

Easter, 1916

- About Easter Rising in Ireland
- I have met them at close of day / Coming with vivid faces
- A terrible beauty is born
- Her nights in argument / until her voice grew shrill

The Wild Swans at Coole

- The trees are in their autumn beauty / The woodland paths are dry
- Nine and fifty swans

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

- I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree
- I hear it in the deep heart's core
- Celtic Revival