

Anne Bradstreet

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Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672)

- England, 1612;
- privately tutored;
- At age 16, married Simon Bradstreet.
- the Arbella;
- John Winthrop's group;
- at Salem, Massachusetts, on 22 July 1630

Thomas Dudley, her father

«We found the Colony in a sad and unexpected condition, above eighty of them being dead the winter before; and many of those alive weak and sick; all the corn and bread amongst them all hardly sufficient to feed them a fortnight.»

Anne Bradstreet

- 8 children;
- the first poet in the Puritan New England;
- *Her father, the governor of Masacchusttes;*
- *her brother-in-law published her work in London in 1650;*



Anne Bradstreet's Poetry

- imitated writers like Sidney and Spenser;
- a voice of her own;
- *public and private matters;*
- *Daily life issues such as marriage, love, grief, mourning the dead;*
- *pious; awareness of nature*
- *devotion to God;*



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Types of Poetry

- **Religious Meditations**

- Individual prayers
- Published after her death (not meant for public view)

- **Domestic Poems**

- **Love Poems**

- “To My Dear and Loving Husband”

- **Elegiac Poems**

- **Contemplations**