Poems to be taught/used with Young Adults

(Spring 2021 titles are in bold)

Classics of American, British, Chinese, and Greek Poetry

Alighieri, Dante “Inferno” Canto XIII (Suicide Forest)

Arnold, Matthew “The Buried Life”

Arnold, Matthew “Dover Beach”

Anglo-Saxon poet *Beowulf*

Basho, Matsuo “Old Pond”

Bentley, Elizabeth “On Education”

Blake, William “The Chimney Sweeper”

Blake, William “The Clod and the Pebble”

Blake, William “The Human Aspect”

Blake, William “Infant Joy”

Blake, William “London”

Blake, William “The Lamb”

Blake, William “A Poison Tree”

Blake, William “The Sick Rose”

Blake, William “The Tyger”

Bradstreet, Anne “The Author to Her Book”

Bradstreet, Anne “Before the Birth of One of Her Children”

Bradstreet, Anne “To My Dear and Loving Husband”

Bronte, Charlotte “Life”

Bronte, Emily “Love and Friendship”

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett “A Dead Rose”

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett “Aurora Leigh”

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett “How Do I Love Thee?” (Sonnet 43)

Browning, Robert “My Last Duchess”

Browning, Robert “One Way of Love”

Burns, Robert “A Red, Red Rose”

Byron, Lord George Gordon “Between Two Worlds Life Hovers like a Star” in *Don Juan*

Byron, Lord George Gordon “Darkness”

Byron, Lord George Gordon “She Walks in Beauty”

Carroll, Lewis “The Jabberwocky”

Carroll, Lewis “Life is But a Dream”

Confucius “Gentle Girl”

Confucius “Huge Rat”

Confucius “Quince”

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor “Christabel”

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor “Kubla Khan”

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner”

Constable, Henry “My Lady’s Presence Makes the Roses Red”

Crane, Stephen “A Man Said to the Universe”

Crane, Stephen “Fast Rode the Knight”

Crane, Stephen “In the Desert”

Crane, Stephen “War is Kind”

Dennys, Richard “Untitled”

Dickinson, Emily “Because I Could Not Stop for Death” (#712)

Dickinson, Emily “Glowing is Her Bonnet” (#72)

Dickinson, Emily “Hope is the Thing with Feathers” (#314)

Dickinson, Emily “I Died for Beauty, But Was Scarce” (#449)

Dickinson, Emily “I Had No Time to Hate, Because” (#478)

Dickinson, Emily “I Heard a Fly Buzz” (#465)

Dickinson, Emily “I robbed the Woods” (#41)

Dickinson, Emily “If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking” (#919)

Dickinson, Emily “I’m Nobody! Who Are You?” (#288)

Dickinson, Emily “It Was Not Death, for I Stood Up” (#355)

Dickinson, Emily “I Years Had Been from Home” #79

Dickinson, Emily “Love is Anterior to Life”(#917)

Dickinson, Emily “Much Madness is Divinest Sense” (#425)

Dickinson, Emily ‘My Life had stood - a Loaded Gun” (#764)

Dickinson, Emily “’Nature’ is What We See” (#668)

Dickinson, Emily “A Route of Evanescence” (#1463)

Dickinson, Emily “Tell the Truth, but Tell It Slant” (#1263”)

Dickinson, Emily “The Soul Selects Her Own Society” (#303)

Dickinson, Emily “There is Another Sky” (#2)

Dickinson, Emily “This is My Letter to the World” #441

Dickinson, Emily “This World is Not Conclusion” (#501)

Donne, John “Death Be Not Proud”

Donne, John “The Flea”

Donne, John “The Good Morrow”

Emerson, Ralph Waldo “Berrying”

Emerson, Ralph Waldo “Concord Hymn”

Emerson, Ralph Waldo “Success”

Freneau, Philip “The Wild Honeysuckle”

Hafiz (translator Daniel Ladinsky) “The Sun Never Says”

Halliwell-Phillipps, James “Solomon Grundy”

Hardy, Thomas “The Darkling Thrush”

Hardy, Thomas “The Man He Killed”

Hardy, Thomas “The Oxen”

Hemans, Felicia “Casablanca”

Henley, William Ernest “Invictus”

Housman, A. E. “The Loveliest of Trees”

Housman, A.E. “To an Athlete Dying Young”

Housman, A.E. *A Shropshire Lad* (“When I Was One-and-Twenty”)

Joyce, Robert Dwyer “The Wind that Shakes the Barley”

Keats, John “Bright Star, would I were steadfast as thou art”

Keats, John “A Thing of Beauty” (“Endymion”)

Keats, John “La Belle Dame Sans Merci”

Keats, John “Ode to a Grecian Urn”

Keats, John “Ode to a Nightingale”

Keats, John “When I Have Fears that I May Cease to Be”

Kipling, Rudyard “Hyaenas”

**Kipling, Rudyard “If”**

Kipling, Rudyard “The White Man’s Burden”

Lazarus, Emma “The New Colossus”

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth “A Psalm of Life”

Marlowe, Christopher “The Passionate Shepherd to His Love”

Marvell, Andrew “To His Coy Mistress”

Milton, John “How Soon Hath Time”

Milton, John *Paradise Lost*

Milton, John “When I Consider How My Light is Spent”

**Montague Wortley, Lady Mary “The Reasons that induced Dr. S to write a Poem called “The**

**Lady’s Dressing Room”**

Poe, Edgar Allan “A Dream Within a Dream”

Poe, Edgar Allan “Alone”

Poe, Edgar Allan “Annabel Lee”

Poe, Edgar Allan “Bridal Ballad”

Poe, Edgar Allan “Dreamland”

Poe, Edgar Allan “Dreams”

Poe, Edgar Allan “The Haunted Palace”

**Poe, Edgar Allan “The Raven” (2 other students selected this poem)**

Poe, Edgar Allan “Spirits of the Dead”

Poe, Edgar Allan “Ulalume”

Queen Elizabeth I (Tudor) “On Monsieur” Departure”

Raleigh, Sir Walter “Life”

Raleigh, Sir Walter “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd”

Rossetti, Christina “Dreamland”

Rossetti, Christina “The Goblin Market”

Rossetti, Christina “Remember”

Rumi, Mewlana Jalaluddin “The Guest House”

Rumi, Mewlana Jalaluddin “Moving Water”

**Rumi, Mewlana Jalaluddin “Tending Two Shops”**

Sappho “Although They Are”

Shakespeare, William “All the World’s a Stage”

**Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 3” (“Look in thy glass and tell the face thou viewest”)**

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 15”

**Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 18/XVIII” (“Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day”)**

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 29” (“When in disgrace with fortune and men’s eyes”)

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 64” (“When I have seen by Time's fell hand defac'd”)

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 84” (“Who is it that say most…”)

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 94/XCIV” (“They that have power to hurt and will do none”)

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 116” (“Let me not to the marriage of two minds”)

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 130” (“My mistress’ eyes are nothing like the sun”)

Shakespeare, William “To Be or Not To Be” soliloquy from *Hamlet*

**Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 144” (“Two loves I have of comfort and despair”)**

Shakespeare, William excerpt from *Merchant of Venice*, Act III, Scene 1, lines 40-54

Shelley, Percy Bysshe “Hymn to Intellectual Beauty”

Shelley, Percy Bysshe “The Masque of Anarchy”

Shelley, Percy Bysshe “Music When Soft Voices Die”

Shelley, Percy Bysshe “Ozymandias”

Sidney, Sir Philip “Astrophel and Stella”

Stevenson, Robert Lewis “Bed in Summer”

Stevenson, Robert Lewis “Youth and Love II”

**Swift, Jonathan “The Lady’s Dressing Room”**

Tennyson, Alfred Lord “ “Break, Break, Break”

Tennyson, Alfred Lord “ “Charge of the Light Brigade”

Tennyson, Alfred Lord “Crossing the Bar”

Tennyson, Alfred Lord “Locksley Hall”

Tennyson, Alfred Lord “The Lotus Eaters”

Tennyson, Alfred Lord “Ulysses”

Thoreau, Henry David “Indeed, Indeed I Cannot Tell”

Wheeler Wilcox, Ella “Solitude”

Whitman, Walt “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”

Whitman, Walt “I Hear America Singing”

Whitman, Walt “I Saw in Louisiana a Live-Oak Growing”

**Whitman, Walt “O Captain! My Captain”**

Whitman, Walt “Song of Myself”

Whitman, Walt “When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer”

Whittier, John Greenleaf “Forgiveness”

Wilde, Oscar “The Ballad of Reading Gaol”

Wilde, Oscar “The Grave of Keats”

Wordsworth, William “Daffodils”

Wordsworth, William “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud”

Wordsworth, William “Ode on Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early

Childhood”

Wordsworth, William “The World is Too Much with Us, Late and Soon”

Wordsworth, William "Why Art Thou Silent! Is Thy Love a Plant?"

Wroth, Mary Sidney “In This Strange Labyrinth” (the first significant sonnet sequence

written by a woman)

Wyatt, Sir Thomas “The Long Love that in My Thought Doth Harbor”

Yeats, William Butler “Aedh Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven”

**Yeats, William Butler “Among School Children”**

Yeats, William Butler “The Second Coming”

Yeats, William Butler “The Stolen Child”

Yeats, William Butler “The Wild Swans at Coole”

Yeats, William Butler “The Young Man’s Song”

Yeats, William Butler “When You Are Old”

Modern Poetry

Angelou, Maya “Alone”

Angelou, Maya “Human Family”

Angelou, Maya “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” “Caged Bird”

Angelou, Maya “The Lesson”

Angelou, Maya “The Mask”

Angelou, Maya “Men”

Angelou, Maya “On the Pulse of Morning”

Angelou, Maya “Phenomenal Woman”

Angelou, Maya “A Pledge to Rescue Our Youth”

Angelou, Maya “Still I Rise”

Angelou, Maya “Touched by an Angel”

Apollinaire, Guillaume “Mon Coeur”

Auden, W. H. “Epitaph on a Tyrant”

Auden, W. H. “Funeral Blues”

Auden, W. H. “Musée des Beaux Arts”

Auden, W. H. “The Unknown Citizen”

Bennett, William J. (ed.) “New Friends and Old Friends” from *The Book of Virtues*

Bishop, Elizabeth “One Art”

Bishop, Elizabeth “Sestina”

Brooks, Gwendolyn “Boy Breaking Glass”

Brooks, Gwendolyn “Crazy Woman”

Brooks, Gwendolyn “A Song in the Front Yard”

Brooks, Gwendolyn “The Bean Eaters”

**Brooks, Gwendolyn “The Last Quatrain of the Ballad of Emmett Till”**

Brooks, Gwendolyn “Truth”

Brooks, Gwendolyn “We Real Cool”

Cullen, Countee “I Have a Rendezvous with Life”

Cullen, Countee “If You Should Go”

Cullen, Countee “Incident”

cummings, e.e. “anyone lived in a pretty how town”

cummings, e.e. “dive for dreams”

cummings, e. e. “humanity i love you”

cummings, e.e. “[1(a]”

cummings, e.e. “i carry your heart with me”

cummings, e.e. “i like my body when it is with your”

cummings, e.e. “in just”

cummings, e.e. “it may not always be so; and I say”

cummings, e.e. “may my heart always be open to little”

Du Bois, W.E.B. “The Song of Smoke”

Dunbar, Paul Laurence “Dreams”

Dunbar, Paul Laurence “Sympathy”

**Dunbar, Paul Laurence “We Wear the Mask”**

Dunbar-Nelson, Alice “I Sit and Sew”

Eliot, T.S. “The Hollow Men”

Eliot, T.S. “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock”

Eliot, T.S. “Preludes”

**Eliot, T.S. “The Wasteland”**

Fauset, Jessie Redmon “Oblivion”

Frost, Robert “Acquainted with the Night”

Frost, Robert “Apple Picking”

Frost, Robert “Birches”

Frost, Robert “Design”

Frost, Robert “Dust of Snow”

Frost, Robert “Fire and Ice”

Frost, Robert “Mending Wall”

**Frost, Robert “Nothing Gold Can Stay” (2 other students selected this poem)**

**Frost, Robert “The Road Not Taken” (2 other students selected this poem)**

Frost, Robert “Stopping by a Woods on a Snowy Evening”

Frye, Mary E. “Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep”

Ginsberg, Allen “Howl”

Ginsberg, Allen “A Supermarket in California”

Ginsberg, Allen “Is About”

Guest, Edgar “Have You Earned Your Tomorrow”

Guest, Edgar “It Couldn’t Be Done”

Guest, Edgar “No Place To Go”

Gibran, Kahlil “The Beauty of Death”

Hayden, Robert “Those Winter Sundays”

Henley, Ernest Henley “Invictus”

Hemingway, Ernest “Advice to a Son”

Hemingway, Ernest “[Blank Verse]”

Hughes, Langston “April Rain Song”

Hughes, Langston “As I Grew Older”

Hughes, Langston “Daybreak in Alabama”

Hughes, Langston “Democracy”

**Hughes, Langston “Dreams”**

Hughes, Langston “A Dream Deferred”

Hughes, Langston “Freedom” “Words Like Freedom”

Hughes, Langston “Harlem”

Hughes, Langston “Helen Keller”

Hughes, Langston “I, Too”

Hughes, Langston “I, Too, Am America”

Hughes, Langston “I, Too, Sing America”

Hughes, Langston “Let America Be America Again”

Hughes, Langston “Life is Fine”

**Hughes, Langston “Mother to Son”**

Hughes, Langston “Theme for English B”

**Ignatow, David “Self-Employed”**

**Jarrell, Randall “The Death of the Ball Turret Gunner”**

Jeffers, Robinson “Credo”

Jeffers, Robinson “Divinely Superfluous Beauty”

Jeffers, Robinson “Vulture”

Kilmer, Joyce “The House with Nobody In It”

Lawrence, D. H. “Piano”

Lawrence, D.H. “Snake”

Lewis, C. S. “In Prison”

Levertov, Denise “Pleasures”

Lorca, Federico Garcia “The Little Mute Boy”

MacNeice, Louis “Meeting Point”

Markham, Edwin “The Tragedy”

**McKay, Claude “Adolescence”**

McKay, Claude “America”

McKay, Claude “I Know My Soul”

Merton, Thomas “The Need to Win”

Miyazawa, Kenji “Be Not Defeated by the Rain” (translated by David Sulz)

Moore, Marianne “Poetry”

Neruda, Pablo “I Do Not Love You Except Because I Love You”

Neruda, Pablo “If You Forget Me”

Neruda, Pablo “A Lemon”

Neruda, Pablo “Explico Algunas Cosas” (“I Explain Some Things”)

**Neruda, Pablo “Ode to My Socks”**

Neruda, Pablo “Poetry”

Neruda, Pablo “Sonnet XVII” “If I do not love you”

Niemöller, Martin “First They Came…”

Owen, Wilfred “Dulce et Decorum Est”

Parker, Dorothy “A Dream Lies Dead”

Parker, Dorothy “Epitaph for a Darling Lady”

Parker, Dorothy “Goblins”

Parker, Dorothy “Prologue to a Saga”

Parker, Dorothy “Resume”

Plath, Sylvia “Daddy”

Plath, Sylvia “The Fig Tree”

Plath, Sylvia “Mad Girl’s Love Song”

Plath, Sylvia “Mirror”

Pound, Ezra “The Age Demanded” Part II of “Hugh Selwyn Mauberley

Pound, Ezra “A Girl”

Pound, Ezra “In a Station of the Metro”

Pound, Ezra “Portrait d’une Femme”

Pound, Ezra “The River-Merchant’s Wife: A Letter”

# Prevert, Jacques “Late Rising”

# Rawson-Hunt, M. Jolynn “True Joy”

Rilke, Rainer Maria “The Blindman’s Song”

Rilke, Rainer Maria “The Buddha in Glory”

# Robinson, Edwin Arlington “Richard Cory”

Roethke, Theodore “The Bat”

Roethke, Theodore “My Papa’s Waltz”

Roethke, Theodore “The Waking”

# Sandburg, Carl “Fog”

# Sandburg, Carl “Grass”

# Sandburg, Carl “Happiness”

Sandburg, Carl “Iron”

**Sandburg, Carl “Who am I?”**

**Saphier, William “Rain”**

# Sexton, Anne “The Addict”

Sexton, Anne “Courage”

Sexton, Anne “For My Lover, Returning to His Wife”

Sexton, Anne “Wanting to Die”

# St. Vincent Millay, Edna “First Fig”

# St. Vincent Millay, Edna “What Lips My Lips Have Kissed, and Where, And Why”

# Sassoon, Siegfried “They”

Stein, Gertrude *Tender Buttons* collection: “A New Cup and Saucer,” “A Red

Hat,” “An Umbrella”

Stevens, Wallace “Anecdote of the Jar”

Stevens, Wallace The Snow Man”

Stevens, Wallace “Sunday Morning”

Stevens, Wallace “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird”

Stevenson, Mary “Footprints in the Sand”

Swir, Anna “For the Sake of Strangers”

Teasdale, Sara “After Love”

Teasdale, Sara “Barter”

Thayer, Ernest “Casey at the Bat”

Thomas, Dylan “Do Not Go Gentle Into that Good Night”

Thomas, Dylan “Fern Hill”

Tolkien, J.R.R. “All That is Gold Does Not Glitter”

Twain, Mark “Genius”

Viorst, Judith “Fifteen, Maybe Sixteen Things to Worry About”

Warren, Robert Penn “True Love”

Williams, William Carlos “At the Ball Game”

Williams, William Carlos “Landscape with the Fall of Icarus”

Williams, William Carlos “The Red Wheelbarrow”

Williams, William Carlos “This is Just to Say”

Williams, William Carlos “To Elsie”

# Contemporary Poetry

Addonizio, Kim “Dead Girls”

Aguirre, Francisca “Farewell”

Alexie, Sherman “The Facebook Sonnet”

Alexie, Sherman “Ghost, Go, Go,”

Alexie, Sherman “Grief Calls Us to the Things of This World”

**Ali, Muhammad “me we”**

Anand, Siddharth “Choose Your Obsessions”

Andresen, Sophia de Mello Breyner “Portrait of an Unknown Princess”

Anderson, Susan Noyes “Fly with the Eagle”

Anderson, Susan Noyes “Musings”

Anderson, Susan Noyes “Why Me?”

Anonymous “Relationship with Ana”

Anzaldúa, Gloria “To Live in the Borderlands Means You”

Ashbery, John “Some Trees”

Atwood, Margaret “Siren Song”

Ayala, Armando L. “Buen Joven/Sweet Youth”

Baca, Jimmy Santiago “Fall”

**Baca, Jimmy Santiago “I Am Offering This Poem”**

Baca, Jimmy Santiago “Who Understand Me But Me”

Barnes, David-Matthew “Harm’s Way”

Bateman, Teresa “A Plump and Perky Turkey”

Bennett, Jen “A Body of Water”

Bennett, Joshua “Balaenoptera”

**Bidart, Frank “Queer”**

**Blanco, Richard “Burning in the Rain”**

**Blanco, Richard “Como Tu′/Like You/Like Me”**

**Blanco, Richard “El Florida Room”**

Bland, Henry Meade “ The Poet’s Wish”

Boland, Eavan “The Pomegranate”

Bolocon, Rica Jane “Pretending”

Borges, Jorge Luis “After a While You Learn”

Borges, Jorge Luis “Uno Aprende” “After a While” (English translation by Veronica A.

Shoffstall)

Bukowski, Charles “Bluebird”

Bukowski, Charles “For the Foxes”

Bukowski, Charles “The Laughing Heart”

Bukowski, Charles “So You Want to Be a Writer”

Carlin, George “Modern Man”

Carter, Makayla “The Road of Life”

Carver, Raymond “Photograph of My Father in His Twenty-Second Year”

Carver, Raymond “Your Dog Dies”

Castleberry, R. T. “Not Mine to Remember”

**Cervantes, Lorna Dee “Freeway 280”**

Chengges, Larry S. “Listen to Your Heart”

Choyce, Lesley “I’m Alive, I Believe in Everything”

**Cisneros, Sandra “Bay Poem from Berkeley”**

Cisneros, Sandra “My Wicked Ways”

Cisneros, Sandra “Old Maids”

Clifton, Lucille “Eve Thinking”

Clifton, Lucille “i am accused of tending to the past”

Clifton, Lucille “Poems in Praise of Menstruation”

Clifton, Lucille “Tuesday 9/11/01”

Collins, Billy “Introduction to Poetry”

Collins, Billy “Lanyard”

Collins, Billy “On Turning Ten”

Collins, Billy “Schoolsville”

Collins, Billy “Workshop”

Collins, Martha “Lines”

Collins, Martha “The Story We Know”

Cook, Joanne “Anorexia the Imposter”

Connolly, Geraldine “The Summer I Was Sixteen”

Cope, Wendy “Lonely Hearts”

Cram, Stacie M. “You’ve Helped Me”

Creeley, Robert “The Rain”

Crossman, Nancy “Woman in the Mirror”

Dant, Julie “Across the Water”

Davis, Tanya “How to Be Alone” spoken word poem

http://lybio.net/tanya-davis-how-to-be-alone/poem/

Dawkins, Amanda “The Truth”

Drake, R. M. “Beautiful Chaos”

Delgado, Lalo “Stupid America”

Deutsch, Babette “Then and Now”

Dove, Rita “Dawn Revisited”

Dove, Rita “Flash Cards”

Dove, Rita “Heart to Heart”

Dove, Rita “Persephone Falling”

Drake, Barbara “Mother Said”

Dunn, John M. “The Skier’s Prayer”

Duvenage, Christelle “Nothing Girl”

Edwards, Ruby Latimer “The Forgotten Mother”

**Elkins, Ansel “Autobiography of Eve”**

Ensler, Eve “Say It” from *The Vagina Monologues*

Espaillat, Rhina “Bra”

Evans, Jon “Identity – The Bully”

Faulds, Danna “Allow”

Ferguson, L. “The Story of Her Wrists”

Ferril, Thomas Hornsby “Swallows”

Ferris, Beth from “Fishing with Floyd”

Firmat, Gustavo Perez “Bilingual Blues”

Foley, Timothy James “A Bit of Inward Reflection”

Foley, Timothy James “A Hatred for Love”

Ford, Matt “To the Machines Should They Decide to Take Over”

Francisco, Rudy “My Honest Poem”

Francisco, Rudy “Scars”

Gaiman, Neil “Locks”

Garcia Villa, Jose “Divine Poems (134)”

**Gill, Nikita “Fire”**

Giovanni, Nikki “Knoxville, Tennessee”

Giovanni, Nikki “Revolutionary Dreams”

Gluck, Louise “Gretel in Darkness”

Gomez, Cynthia “San Jose”

**Gonzales, Rodolfo Corky “I am Joaquin”**

Gutiérrez, Cindy Williams “The Small Claims of Bones”

Haddon, Mark “Trees”

Hammad, Suheir “First Writing Since”

Hammad, Suheir “Mike Check”

Hand, Monica “Things That Stink”

Harper, Frederick Douglas “Watch Your Mouth”

**Harjo, Joy “Exile of Memory”**

Harjo, Joy “Perhaps the World Ends Here”

Harjo, Joy “The Woman Hanging from the Thirteenth Floor Window”

Harris, Alysia “Death Poem”

Harris, Alysia “Joy”

Harrison, Richard “Descartes or ‘Nightcrawler’”

Heaney, Seamus “An Advancement of Learning”

Heaney, Seamus “Digging”

Hecht, Anthony Evan “The End of the Weekend”

Hejinian, Lyn “Come October, It’s the Lake, not the Border”

Henry, Major General William “My Rifle”

Heppermann, Christine “Nature Lesson”

“Photoshopped Poem”

“Sleeping Beauty’s Wedding Day”

Herbert, Frank “Bene Geserit Litany Against Fear”

Hilborn, Neil “OCD”

Hongo, Garrett Kaoru “The Legend”

Houghton-Smith, Tabitha “Standing Tall”

Howe, Marie “My Dead Friends”

Hughes, Ted “Lovesong”

Hughes, Ted “My Brother Bert”

Hughes, Ted “Roger the Dog”

Hunt, Jillian K. “Believe in Yourself”

Hutchinson, Joseph “Artichoke”

Jewett, Sophie “Across the Border”

Jordan, June “Poem about My Rights”

Kahf, Mohja “My Grandmother Washes her Feet in the Sink of the

Bathroom at Sears”

Kaur, Rupi “I know it’s hard…” from *Milk and Honey* (160)

Kaur, Rupi “I Want to Apologize to all the Women…: from *Milk and Honey*

Kaur, Rupi “Society’s Views on a Woman’s Body”

**Kaur, Rupi “Untitled”**

Kaur, Rupi “You Cannot”

Kay, Sarah “The Type”

Kenyon, Jane ‘Let Evening Come”

Keys, Alicia “Still Water” from *Tears for Water: Songbook of Poems and Lyrics*

Kingsley, Emily “Like Me”

Koch, Kenneth “To My Twenties”

Koriyama, Naoshi “Unfolding Bud”

Komunyakaa, Yusef “Facing It”

**Koyczan, Shane “To This Day”**

Larkin, Philip “This Be the Verse”

Leav, Lang “The Butterfly Effect”

**Leav, Lang “Call to Action” M**

Lee, Li-Young “Early in the Morning”

**Lee, Li-Young “Little Father”**

Lee, Michael “Pass On”

**Legasphi, Joseph O. “Amphibians”**

Lenhart, Gary “Footprint on Your Heart”

Levine, Philip “Call it Music”

Lewis, Francesca “Always”

Lim, Shirley Geok-lin “Riding to California”

**Limón, Ada “The Conditional”**

Lloyd, Emily “Work Ethics”

Loomis, Jon “Deer Hit”

Lorde, Audre “Hanging Fire”

Lorde, Audre “A Litany for Survival”

Lorde, Audre “Sahara”

Lorde, Audre “Stations”

Luis, Adriel “Slip of the Tongue”

Lumley, Stephanie “Every Time I Look at the Stars”

Majmudar, Amit “Dothead”

Mali, Taylor “The Impotence of Proofreading”

Manrique, Jaime “Images”

**May, Jamaal “There Are Birds Here”**

Mayor, Maia “Perfect” spoken word poem, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ab6M6wByp2o

Meinke, Peter “Advice to My Son”

Mercer, Irwin “The Man in the Jar”

**Meyer, Thomas “Are You Going to Stay”**

Moffitt, John “To Look at Any Thing”

Mojgami, Anis “Shake the Dust”

Mora, Pat “Immigrants”

Mora, Pat “Maybe”

Mora, Pat “Two Worlds”

Morales, Aurora Levins “Child of the Americas”

Morgan, Angela “In Spite of War”

Neruda, Pablo “Ode to Tomatoes”

Neruda, Pablo “Para Lavar a un Niño” “To Wash a Child”

Neruda, Pablo “Your Feet”

Nesbitt, Kenn “Lunchbox Love Note”

Niedecker, Lorine “Far Reach”

Noriko, Ibaragi “When My Beauty Was at Its Best”

Nye, Naomi Shihab “Blood”

Okigbo, Christopher “Come Thunder”

Olds, Sharon “High School Senior”

Olds, Sharon “I Go Back to May 1937”

Olds, Sharon “On the Subway”

Olds, Sharon “True Love”

Oliver, Mary “The Journey”

**Oliver, Mary “Morning Glories”**

Oliver, Mary “The Sun”

Oliver, Mary “Wild Geese”

Oriah, Mountain Dreamer “The Invitation”

Ortego, Liza “Somewhere in the Middle”

Oso, Gab “The Beautiful Game”

Pastan, Linda “To a Daughter Leaving Home”

Peerzada, Farrahnaz “A Dreamers Perish”

Peters, Shellena “Unseen Misery”

**Peterson, Trace “The Valleys are So Lush and Steep”**

Phillips, Robert “Running on Empty”

Piercy, Marge “Barbie Doll”

Piercy, Marge “For the Young Who Want To”

Pietri, Pedro “Puerto Rican Obituary”

Raine, Craig “A Martian Sends a Postcard Home”

Randklev, Katrina “Dear Mom”

Red Matrix “Geometric Fun”

Reed, Jonathan “Lost Generation”

Reid, Alastair “Curiosity”

Reka, Marinela “Explore”

Reka, Marinela “Magical Shoes”

Reynolds, Samantha “Ms. Crystal Meth”

**Rich, Adrienne “Diving Into the Wreck”**

Rich, Adrienne “Song”

Rios, Alberto “The Cities Inside Us”

Roach, Chante “The Normal Teenager”

Roop, Lacey “Too Much Time Looking Up”

Ryan, Kay “The Turtle”

Serros, Michele “Disco Gymnasium”

Shibah-Nye, Naomi “The Time”

Simic, Charles “Empire of Dreams”

Simic, Charles “Fear”

Simic, Charles “Fork”

Simic, Charles “Mirrors at 4 a.m.”

**Sin, RH “Scene Thirteen”**

Slavitt, David “Titanic”

Smith, Carmen Gimenez “Fragments from the Confessions”

Smith, Stevie “Not Waving, but Drowning”

Soto, Gary “Ode to Family Photographs”

Soto, Gary “Oranges”

Spiegelman, Willard “Tis Yet to Come”

Stafford, William “Being a Person”

Stepanek, Matthew Joseph Thaddeus “For Our World”

Stewart, Casey “Loss of Innocence”

Strand, Mark “Eating Poetry”

Strand, Mark “The Tunnel”

Tolkien, J. R. R. “The Return of the King”

Turnage, Rachel “A Crowded Mind”

Udiah “Mom”

Updike, John “Baseball”

Voigt, Ellen Bryant “Winter Field”

Vonnegut, Kurt “Requiem”

Wagner, Shelly “The Boxes”

Walcott, Derek “Love after Love”

Walcott, Derek “Schooner Flight”

Walker, Margaret “Lineage”

Watsky, George “S for Lisp”

Williams, Miller “The Shrinking Sestina”

Williams, Saul “Anti-War Freestyle”

Williams, Saul “Bloodletting”

Winters, Yvor “At the San Francisco Airport”

Wortman, Edith Powell “Empty Hands”

Yolen, Jane “Fat is Not a Fairy Tale”

Yolen, Jane “Knives”

Zamora, Daisy “Loyal Housewife”

**Poetry in Translation**

Chitre, Dilip “My Father Travels” (Indian)

“Die Gedanken sind Frei” (“Thoughts Are Free”)16th Century German poem/song

Kamble, Arun “Which Language Should I Speak?” (Indian)

Sant, Indira “Household Fires” (Indian)

**Children’s Poets and Poetry**

Bagert, Brod “Caterpillars”

Dahl, Roald “The Dentist and the Crocodile”

Dahl, Roald “Red Riding Hood”

Dahl, Roald “Television”

Grahame, Kenneth “The Song of Mr. Toad”

Milne, AA “Independence”

Milne, AA “Spring Morning”

Moore, Lilian “Mine”

Nursery Rhyme “Ring Around the Rosie”

Prelutsky, Jack “Homework! Oh Homework!”

Rylant, Cynthia *The Bird House*

Rylant, Cynthia “The Hitchhiker”

Seuss, Dr. *Oh, The Places You’ll Go* (This is a book title)

Silverstein, Shel “A Boy Named Sue”

Silverstein, Shel “Boa Constrictor”

Silverstein, Shel “Crazy Dream”

Silverstein, Shel “Don’t Tell Me”

Silverstein, Shel “Forgotten Language”

Silverstein, Shel “The Garden”

Silverstein, Shel “Homework Machine”

Silverstein, Shel “Invitation”

Silverstein, Shel “Invisible Boy”

Silverstein, Shel “It’s All the Same to the Clam”

Silverstein, Shel “Listen to the Mustn’ts”

Silverstein, Shel “The Mask”

Silverstein, Shel “Messy Room”

Silverstein, Shel “The Missing Piece Meets the Big O”

Silverstein, Shel “One Inch Tall”

Silverstein, Shel “Sick”

Silverstein, Shel “The Voice”

**Silverstein, Shel “Warning”**

Silverstein, Shel “Whatif

Silverstein, Shel “When I’m Gone”

Silverstein, Shel “Where the Sidewalk Ends”

# Song Lyrics and Rap

Aguilera, Christina “Reflection”

Amos, Tori “Winter”

*Anastasia* (Broadway soundtrack) “Still I Pray You”

Andre 3000 “Solo (Reprise)”

Atmosphere “Bird Sings Why the Caged I Know”

Badu, Erykah “Apple Tree” (R&B song)

Badu, Erykah “Bag Lady”

Bareilles, Sara “Gravity”

The Beach Boys “God Only Knows”

The Beatles “Hey Jude”

The Beatles “Let It Be”

Beck “E-Pro”

Notorious B.I.G. “Juicy”

Black Eyed Peas “Where is the Love?”

Black Star “What’s Beef?”

Bright Eyes “Amy in the White Coat”

Bright Eyes “No Lies, Just Love”

Bright Eyes “Sunrise, Sunset”

Brother Ali “Tightrope”

Brown, Danny “Fields” (hip hop)

Burnham, Bo “Magic”

Cage the Elephant “Telescope”

Cara, Alessia “Here”

Case, Neko “Furnace Room Lullaby”

Cash, Johnny “I Won’t Back Down”

Clipse “Nightmares” (hip hop)

Cole, J “Crooked Smile”

Cowboy Junkies “Blue Moon Revisited” (song for Elvis)

Davis, Tanya “How to Be Alone”

Dylan, Bob “Forever Young”

Dylan, Bob “Masters of War”

Dylan, Bob “The Times They Are a Changing”

Dylan, Bob “Ugliest Girl in the World”

Dyson, Michael Eric “Intellectual MCs

The Eagles “Hotel California”

Epik High “Love Story”

Eppard, Joey “Amaze Disgrace”

Escobedo, Belissa et al “Somewhere in America”

Everclear “I Will Buy You a New Life” (Art Alexakis, Arthur P Alexakis,

Craig Montoya, Greg Eklund)

Eyedea “Paradise”

Fiasco, Lupe “All Black Everything”

Five for Fighting “100 Years”

Flight of the Conchords “The Most Beautiful Girl in the Room”

Florence and The Machine “Shake It Out”

Flyleaf “All Around Me”

The Fray “Over My Head”

From *Frozen* “Let It Go”

G-eazy “Everything Will Be OK**”**

Gimbel, Norman “Killing Me Softly” (lyrics)

Gomez, Selena “Who Says”

Gorillaz “Latin Simon”

**Green Day “American Idiot”**

Gruvis Malt “The Fists of Protocol

Harrison, George “Something”

Hill, Lauren “Doo Wop”

Holiday, Billie “Strange Fruit”

Holzer, Jenny Projection artwork

Hoppus, Mark & Tom Delonge “Have Faith in Me”

Immortal Technique “Dancing with the Devil”

Jara, Victor “Manifesto”

Kearney, Mat “Won’t Back Down”

Kehlani “Bright”

The Killers/Brandon Flowers “Be Still”

Krauss, Allison “Sleep On”

Kunst, Code “Rain Bird”

Kweli, Talib “Love Language” (hip hop song)

Lamar, Kendrick “Alright” (second verse)

Lamar, Kendrick “Keisha Song” (“Her Pain”)

Lamar, Kendrick “Swimming Pools (Drank)” (hip hop)

Lamar, Kendrick “U”

Larsen, Micheal Eyedea “The Dive”

Larsen, Micheal Eyedea “Smile”

Larsen, Micheal Eyedea “Weird Side”

Laurie, Jamie “Handlebars”

Lennon, John “Imagine”

Lennon, John & Paul McCartney“A Day in the Life” from *Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club album)*

Lil Wayne (rapper) “How to Love”

Lil Wayne (featured artist Bruno Mars) “Mirror”

Logic “1-800-273-8255”

Matchbox 20 “Unwell”

Mathes, Rob & Allen Shamblin “Why” performed by Rascal Flatts

McKinnon, Jeremy & Jason Lancaster “Going Away to College”

Metallica: James Hetfield “The Day That Never Comes”

M-1 “Hip Hop”

Miranda, Lin-Manuel “My Shot” from *Hamilton*

Morrissey “Speedway”

NAS (Salaam Remi, Nasir Jones) “I Can”

Nash, Kate “Birds”

Parton, Dolly “My Coat of Different Colors”

Petty, Tom “Wildflowers”

The Pixies “Where is My Mind”

Queen: Freddie Mercury & Brian May “Is This the World We Created?”

From *Rent* Jonathan Larson “Seasons of Love”

**RM “uhgood”**

Ross, Rick et al “Don’t Shoot”

Rush: Neil Peart “The Pass”

Rush: Neil Peart “Subdivisions”

RyanDan “Tears of an Angel”

September’s Children “Rise Against – Make It Stop”

Shakur, Tupac “And Tomorrow”

Shakur, Tupac “Changes”

Shakur, Tupac “Dear Mama”

Shakur, Tupac “Family Tree”

Shakur, Tupac “If I Fail” (1 other student selected this poem)

Shakur, Tupac “In the Depths of Solitude”

Shakur, Tupac “Keep Ya Head Up”

Shakur, Tupac “Life Through My Eyes”

Shakur, Tupac “Me Against the World”

Shakur, Tupac “Someone Else’s Victory is Not Your Failure”

Shakur, Tupac “Sometimes I Cry”

**Shakur, Tupac “The Rose that Grew from Concrete”**

SheDaisy Lyrics “Lucky 4 You (Tonight I’m Just Me)

Simon, Paul “American Tune”

Simon, Paul “The Boxer”

Simon, Paul “The Dangling Conversation”

Simon, Paul “Richard Cory”

Sinatra, Frank “My Funny Valentine”

Sinatra, Frank “My Way”

Spears, Britney “Not a Girl Not Yet a Woman”

Sleeping at Last “Pluto”

Spektor, Regina “Samson”

Sweatshop Union “Oh No”

Sweatshop Unon “The Thing About It”

Swift, Taylor “Fifteen”

Swift, Taylor “Never Grow Up”

Swift, Taylor “The Story of Us”

Switchfoot “American Dream”

Switchfoot “Souvenirs”

**SZA “Normal Girl”**

Tankian, Serj “My Words”

Terfry, Richard (Buck 65) “Lazarus Phenomenon”

The Smiths “The Headmaster’s Ritual”

The Smiths “I Know It’s Over”

Thrice “A Song for Milly Michaelson”

TLC “Unpretty”

Underwood, Carrie “Lessons Learned”

Underwood, Carrie “The Night Before (Life Goes On)”

Van Morrison “Astral Weeks”

Voegele, Kate “It’s Only Life”

**West, Kanye “Everything I am”**

West, Kanye “Ye vs. the People”

Williams, Hayley & Josh Farro “The Only Exception”

Williams, Saul “Black Stacey”

Xenoblade Chronicles 2 “Drifting Souls”

# Poems for Deaf Students

Bellefleur, Philip “Ode to a Deaf Child”

Brooks-Sego, Sandra “Silent Hands”

Esau, Janet “Soundless World”

# Poems Written by Teens

Allison G. “Liar” (found in *Teen Ink* Magazine)

Amy “What I’ve Learned”

Becca D. “Wallflower Season” (found in *Teen Ink* Magazine)

Brando in *You Hear Me?* “Instructions for Life” (*You Hear Me* is edited by Betsy Franco)

Burton, Kimberly “Leaving Dad”

Cherches, Peter “Lift Your Right Arm”

Conner, Danyal “Missing Piece**”**

Cooper, Mary Mattila “I Rested in Your Arms”

Ericka “A New Beginning”

Faulkner, Alesha “Have Mercy”

Flores, Angie “I’m a Girl Too”

Gabrielle N J.H “A Letter to You”

Jay “I See Me”

Little T “Loneliness”

Mckee, Katie Q. “The Monster Called Depression”

Mirikitani, Janice "Recipe"

Mize, Vicky P “A Friend”

Scottenfeld, Lisa “Into the Mold”

(These three poems are from the book, *Teen Ink: Our Voices, Our Visions* compiled by Stephanie H. Meyer and John Meyer)

Tichborne, Chidiock “Elegy, Written with His Own Hand in the Tower Before His Execution” (an 18-year-old boy who wrote his own elegy before being hanged, drawn & quartered at the Tower of London)

**Biblical Poetry**

Solomon “Ecclesiastes: Chapter 3:1-15”

# Inspirational Poems

Hernandez, Tyler “Live in the Moment”

# Poetry Anthologies

Collins, Billy *180 More*

Franco, Betsy, editor *You Hear Me?* “My Pockets Ain’t That Phat”

Mora, Pat *My Own True Name* “Sugar”

# Original

Acosta, Ana “Spartan Territory”

Fritz, Anna “No is a Complex Idea”

Fritz, Anna “Someday I’ll Love”

Fritz, Anna “Writing Around the Edge”

Silva, Vanessa "Mele Ko’u Ohana

Vyas, Ria “World of Today by Me”

Wheatley, Julia “My Life Would Be Easy”

# Anonymous “Crush”

“Don’t Quit”

“Don’t Worry if Your Job is Small”

“Dyslexia”

“More Stupid Poetry”

“Secular Rap Written and Spoken by a Very White Person”

# Websites for Poetry for Teens

<http://www.authorsden.com>

http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/86

**Poems to model writing activities**

“That Time”

by Simon Ortiz (Pueblo Native American Poet)

Agnes’ aunt killed the goat.

I held it down, sitting on its belly.

I could feel its whole vibrating life,

the red blood, thinly spurting

in a low arc, and then just flowing.

Brian stood by, his childhands clutched

Agnes’ aunt is a gaunt, thin, Navajo woman,

never married, takes care of Chee,

her dead sister’s husband.

We skinned the goat, cleaned the guts,

and cut up the meat,

and saved the best parts for Chee.

We put the goat’s head in the coals to cook

but the dogs stole it,

and it was half eaten before we found out.

We took the goat meat to a Squaw Dance.

Chee carried it under his arm in a sack,

and he wore his flatbrim hat and a new shirt.

That was that time.

“God’s Grandeur” Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man’s smudge and shares man’s smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs---

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.