(Poems to be taught/used with Young Adults

(Fall 2024 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 “The 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”

Bronte, Emily “No Coward Soul is Mine”

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett “A Dead Rose”

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett “Aurora Leigh”

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett “How Do I Love Thee?” (Sonnet 43) (1 other student selected this

 poem)

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 “Truth”

Crane, Stephen “War is Kind”

Dennys, Richard “Untitled”

Dickinson, Emily “Because I Could Not Stop for Death” (#712) (1 other student selected this poem)

Dickinson, Emily “Forever - is composed of Nows” (#690)

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

Dickinson, Emily “I’m Nobody! Who Are You?” (#260

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

Dickinson, Emily “I Taste a Liquor Never Brewed” (#214)

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 “’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 Has Bandaged Moments” (#360)

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)

Dickinson, Emily “Will There Really Be a Morning?” (#101)

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”

Homer *The Odyssey*

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 “The Garden”

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”

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”**

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 “No, Thank You, John”

Rossetti, Christina “Remember”

Rumi, Mewlana Jalaluddin “Enough Words”

Rumi, Mewlana Jalaluddin “Moving Water”

Sappho “Although They Are”

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

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 46” “Mine eye and heart are at a mortal war”)

Shakespeare, William “Sonnet 47” “Betwixt mine eye and heart a league is took”)

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 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 “Mutability**

Shelley, Percy Bysshe “Ozymandias”

Sidney, Sir Philip “Astrophel and Stella”

Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz “Hombres Necios” (“You Foolish Men”)

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”

Twain, Mark “Genius”

**Watkins Harper, Frances Ellen “The Slave Mother”**

Wheatley, Phillis “On Being Brought from Africa to America”

Wheeler Wilcox, Ella “Solitude”

Whitman, Walt “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”

Whitman, Walt “Excelsior”

Whitman, Walt “I Hear America Singing”

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

Whitman, Walt “O Captain! My Captain”

**Whitman, Walt “O Me! O Life!”**

Whitman, Walt “Song of Myself”

Whitman, Walt “Song of the Open Road”

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 “Sailing to Byzantium”

Yeats, William Butler “The Second Coming”

Yeats, William Butler “The Stolen Child”

**Yeats, William Butler “The Wild Swans at Coole**”**(1 other student selected this poem)**

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

Yeats, William Butler “When You Are Old”

Modern Poetry

Agee, James “Sure on This Shining Night”

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” (3 other students selected this poems)

Angelou, Maya “Touched by an Angel”

**Angelou, Maya “When Great Times Fall”**

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 “Truth”

Brooks, Gwendolyn “We Real Cool” (one other student selected this poem)

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”

HD (Hilda Doolittle) “Sea Rose”

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”

Fauset, Jessie Redmon “Oblivion”

Frost, Robert “Acquainted with the Night”

Frost, Robert “After Apple Picking”

Frost, Robert “Birches”

Frost, Robert “Design”

Frost, Robert “Dust of Snow”

Frost, Robert “Fire and Ice”

Frost, Robert “Mending Wall”

Frost, Robert “Not Out Far Nor In Deep”

Frost, Robert “Nothing Gold Can Stay”

**Frost, Robert “The Road Not Taken” (3 other students selected this poem)**

Frost, Robert “The Rose Family”

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 “Homage to the Empress of the Blues”

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” (1 other student selected this poem)**

Hughes, Langston “Remember**”**

Hughes, Langston “Theme for English B”

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

Jeffers, Robinson “Credo”

Jeffers, Robinson “Divinely Superfluous Beauty”

Jeffers, Robinson “Vulture”

Johnson, James Weldon “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Kilmer, Joyce “The House with Nobody in It”

Lawrence, D. H. “Piano”

Lawrence, D.H. “Snake”

Lewis, C. S. “In Prison”

Levertov, Denise “Pleasures”

**Lowell, Amy “Patterns”**

Lorca, Federico Garcia “The Little Mute Boy”

MacNeice, Louis “Meeting Point”

Markham, Edwin “The Tragedy”

McKay, Claude “America”

McKay, Claude “If We Must Die”

McKay, Claude “The City’s Love”

Meeropol, Abel “Strange Fruit”

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 “Poetry”

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

Niemöller, Martin “First They Came…”

Noyes, Alfred “The Highwayman”

O’Hara, Frannk “Aud Einem April”

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 Disquieting Muses”**

Plath, Sylvia “The Fig Tree”

Plath, Sylvia “Lady Lazarus”

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”

Ramón-Jimênez, Juan “One Night**”**

# 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”

# Sexton, Anne “The Addict”

Sexton, Anne “Courage”

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

Sexton, Anne “Oh Starry Night”

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”

Tagore, Rabindranath “Sail Away”

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”

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

Warren, Robert Penn “True Love”

Williams, William Carlos “At the Ball Game”

Williams, William Carlos “between Walls”

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

**Agosin, Marjorie “Seven Stones”**”

**Aguirre, Francisca “Farewell”**

Alarco′n, Francisco “Words are Birds”

**Alvarez, Amy M. “Hood Aesthetics”**

Alexie, Sherman “The Facebook Sonnet”

Alexie, Sherman “Ghost, Go, Go,”

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

Anand, Siddharth “Choose Your Obsessions”

Anderson, Laurie Halse “PRELUDE: mic test”

Anderson, Susan Noyes “Fly with the Eagle”

Anderson, Susan Noyes “Musings”

Anderson, Susan Noyes “Why Me?”

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

Anonymous “Relationship with Ana”

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

Armantrout, Rae “How to Disappear”

Ashbery, John “Some Trees”

Atwood, Margaret “Siren Song”

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

Baca, Jimmy Santiago “Fall”

Baca, Jimmy Santiago “Who Understand Me But Me”

Barnes, David-Matthew “Harm’s Way”

Bateman, Teresa “A Plump and Perky Turkey”

Benaim, Sabrina “Explaining My Depression to My Mother…”

Bennett, Jen “A Body of Water”

Bennett, Joshua “Balaenoptera”

Berry, Julie “Tuesday**”**

Bethke, Jeff “Jesus>Religion”

Bidart, Frank “Queer”

Black, Holly “Why Does It Matter”

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 “Friendly Advice to a Lot of Young Men”

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”

Chin, Kazumi “Having a Coke with Godzilla”

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

Cisneros, Sandra “Abuelito Who”

Cisneros, Sandra “My Name”

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”

Clifton, Lucille “Won’t You Celebrate with Me”

**Collins, Billy “Introduction to Poetry”**

Collins, Billy “Lanyard”

Collins, Billy “Litany”

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”

**Cooley, Nicole “My Daughter Quarantined in the Basement”**

Cope, Wendy “Lonely Hearts”

Cram, Stacie M. “You’ve Helped Me”

**Cravalho, Auli’I “How Far I’ll Go”**

Creeley, Robert “The Rain”

Crossman, Nancy “Woman in the Mirror”

Dant, Julie “Across the Water”

Davis, Lydia “Head, Heart”

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”

Duffy, Carol Ann “Text”

Dunn, John M. “The Skier’s Prayer”

Duvenage, Christelle “Nothing Girl”

Edwards, Ruby Latimer “The Forgotten Mother”

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

**Erdrich, Louise “Indian Boarding School: The Runaways”**

Espaillat, Rhina “Bra”

Espinoza, Joshua Jennifer “Things Haunt”

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”

Finney, Nikky “The Aureole”

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”

Franta, Connor “Life Doesn’t Wait”

Gaiman, Neil “Locks”

Garcia Villa, Jose “Divine Poems (134)”

Gatwood, Olivia “When I Say That We Are All Teen Girls”

Giovanni, Nikki “Knoxville, Tennessee”

Giovanni, Nikki “Revolutionary Dreams”

Glickman, Susan “Poem about Your Laugh”

Gluck, Louise “Gretel in Darkness”

Gomez, Cynthia “San Jose”

Gonzales, Oscar “We All Return to the Place Where We Were Born”

Gonzales, Rodolfo Corky “I am Joaquin”

Greger, Debora “The Poetry of Bad Weather**”**

Gutiérrez, Cindy Williams “The Small Claims of Bones”

Haddon, Mark “Trees”

Hand, Monica “Things That Stink”

Hanson, Erin “Never Trust a Mirror”

Harper, Frederick Douglas “Watch Your Mouth”

Harjo, Joy “Perhaps the World Ends Here”

Harjo, Joy “Songs for the Deer and Myself to Return On”

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

Harris, Alysia “Death Poem”

Harris, Alysia “Joy”

Harrison, Richard “Descartes or ‘Nightcrawler’”

**Harvey, Mikko “Wind Related Ripple in the Wheatfield”**

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”

**Holbrook, Sara “Coming Soon”**

**Holbrook, Sara “Slipped”**

**Holbrook, Sara “Victimized”**

Hongo, Garrett Kaoru “The Legend”

Houghton-Smith, Tabitha “Standing Tall”

Howe, Marie “My Dead Friends**”**

Howe, Marie “What the Living Do”

Hughes, Ted “Lovesong”

Hughes, Ted “My Brother Bert”

Hughes, Ted “Roger the Dog”

Hunt, Jillian K. “Believe in Yourself”

Hutchinson, Joseph “Artichoke”

Jess, Tyehimba “Millie and Christine”

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 “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”

Kooser, Ted “Tatoo”

Koriyama, Naoshi “Unfolding Bud”

Komunyakaa, Yusef “Facing It”

Lang, Leav “A Lesson”

**Larkin, Philip “The Mower”**

Larkin, Philip “This Be the Verse”

Larkin, Philip “The Trees”

Lasky, Dorothy “The Wall Hanging I Never Noticed”

Leav, Lang “The Butterfly Effect”

Lee, Li-Young “Early in the Morning”

Lee, Michael “Pass On”

**Lenhart, Gary “Footprint on Your Heart”**

Levine, Philip “Call it Music”

Lewis, Francesca “Always”

Lim, Shirley Geok-lin “Riding to California”

Lloyd, Emily “Work Ethics”

Loomis, Jon “Deer Hit”

Lorde, Audre “Hanging Fire”

Lorde, Audre “A Litany for Survival”

Lorde, Audre “Power”

Lorde, Audre “Sahara”

Lorde, Audre “Stations”

Lovelace, Amanda “What They Don’t Want You to Know”

Lozada-Olivia, Melissa “Like Totally Whatever”

Luis, Adriel “Slip of the Tongue”

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

Lutzner, Kate “Devotional Poem”

Lutzner, Kate “Leaving You”

Majmudar, Amit “Dothead”

Mali, Taylor “The Impotence of Proofreading”

Manrique, Jaime “Images”

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

Medrano, Michael Luis “Villanella”

Meinke, Peter “Advice to My Son”

Mercer, Irwin “The Man in the Jar”

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 “Love Sonnet XI”

Neruda, Pablo “Oda al Gato”

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”

Nichols, Jordan “Our Generation”

Noboa, Julio “Identity”

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

Nye, Naomi Shihab “Blood”

Nye, Naomi Shihab “Famous”

Okigbo, Christopher “Come Thunder”

Olds, Sharon “Death of Marilyn Monroe”

Olds, Sharon “High School Senior”

Olds, Sharon “I Go Back to May 1937”

Olds, Sharon “On the Subway”

Olds, Sharon “True Love”

Olivarez, Jose “(Citizen) (Illegal)”

Oliver, Mary “The Journey”

Oliver, Mary “The Sun”

**Oliver, Mary “When Death Comes”**

**Oliver, Mary “Wild Geese” (1 other student selected this poem)**

Oriah, Mountain Dreamer “The Invitation”

Ortego, Liza “Somewhere in the Middle”

Oso, Gab “The Beautiful Game”

Park, Linda Sue “Nowhere Else to Go”

Pastan, Linda “To a Daughter Leaving Home”

Peerzada, Farrahnaz “A Dreamers Perish”

Peter Bjorn & John “Young Folks”

Peters, Shellena “Unseen Misery”

Phillips, Robert “Running on Empty”

Piercy, Marge “Barbie Doll”

Piercy, Marge “For the Young Who Want To”

Pietri, Pedro “Puerto Rican Obituary”

Pulsifer, Byron “Trouble But Not Defeat”

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 “Poem 1” from *Twenty-One Love Poems* collection

Rich, Adrienne “Song”

Rios, Alberto “The Cities Inside Us”

Roach, Chante “The Normal Teenager”

Roop, Lacey “Too Much Time Looking Up”

**Rosenthal, Amy Krouse “Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life”**

Rutger’s University (2014 Team) “Rape Poem to End All Rape Poems”

Ryan, Kay “The Turtle”

Sánchez, Erika “All of Us”

Sánchez, Erika “Six Months After Contemplating Suicide”

**Sarton, May “For My Mother”**

Serros, Michele “Disco Gymnasium”

Shibah-Nye, Naomi “The Time”

Shinder, Jason “How I Am”

Siken, Richard “Snow and Dirty Rain”

Simic, Charles “Empire of Dreams”

Simic, Charles “Fear”

Simic, Charles “Fork”

Simic, Charles “Mirrors at 4 a.m.”

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, Kim “Before the Rains”**

Stafford, William “Being a Person”

Stallings, A.E. “The Dollhouse”

Stepanek, Matthew Joseph Thaddeus “For Our World”

Stewart, Casey “Loss of Innocence”

Strand, Mark “Eating Poetry”

Strand, Mark “The Tunnel”

Suzara, Aimee “Bushman Shares a Cage with Bronx Park Apes”

Szymborska, Wistawa “The Three Oddest Words”

Tanikawa, Shuntaro “Two Billion Light-Years of Solitude”

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

Toscano, Rodrigo “At a Bus Stop en el Barrio”

True, Christina Marie “The Demon Inside You”

Turnage, Rachel “A Crowded Mind”

Udiah “Mom”

Updike, John “Baseball”

Villanueva, Alma Luz “People of Day”

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

Voigt, Ellen Bryant “Winter Field”

Vonnegut, Kurt “Requiem”

Vuong, Ocean “Aubade with Burning City”

Vuong, Ocean “Someday I’ll Love”

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”

**Wilson, Keith S. “line dance of an American textbook”**

Winder, Tanaya “And I wonder where you are”

Winters, Yvor “At the San Francisco Airport”

Wortman, Edith Powell “Empty Hands”

Yeager, Matthew “Poem to First Love”

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 “Hector the Collector”**

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 “Whatif

Silverstein, Shel “When I’m Gone”

**Silverstein, Shel “Where the Sidewalk Ends”**

# Song Lyrics, Spoken Word, and Rap

Aguilera, Christina “Reflection”

Alone *IZ World* “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”

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”

Bassett, Joshua “Let You Go”

The Beach Boys “God Only Knows”

The Beatles “Hey Jude”

The Beatles “Let It Be”

**Beaty, Daniel “Knock Knock”**

Beck “E-Pro”

**Benedetti, Mario “Little Stones at My Window”**

Beyoncé “I Miss You”

Notorious B.I.G. “Juicy”

Black Eyed Peas “Where is the Love?”

**Black Star “Respiration”**

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 “Ain’t It Funny?”

Brown, Danny “Fields” (hip hop)

Burnham, Bo “Magic”

Cage the Elephant “Telescope”

**Car Seat Headrest “Kimochi Warui”**

Cara, Alessia “Here”

Case, Neko “Furnace Room Lullaby”

Cash, Johnny “I Won’t Back Down”

Chapman, Tracy “Fast Car”

Clipse “Nightmares” (hip hop)

**Cole, J “Brackets”**

Cole, J “Crooked Smile”

Cole, J “Love Yourz”

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

Curry, Denzel “Walkin”

Davis, Tanya “How to Be Alone”

Dr. Hiriluk One Piece “When do you think people die?**”**

Domino “Hail the Sun”

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”

**Eilish, Billie “The Greatest”**

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”

Five Seconds of Summer “Heartbreak Girl”

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

Florence and The Machine “Shake It Out”

Flyleaf “All Around Me”

Franta, Connor “Love Doesn’t Wait”

The Fray “Over My Head”

From *Frozen* “Let It Go”

**Gang of Youth “Achilles Come Down”**

G-eazy “Everything Will Be OK**”**

Gimbel, Norman “Killing Me Softly” (lyrics)

Gol D Roger “One Piece”

Gomez, Selena “Who Says”

Gorillaz “Latin Simon”

Grandmaster Flash & the Furious Five “The Message”

Gray, Conan “Family Line”

Gruvis Malt “The Fists of Protocol

Halsey “Colors”

Hammad, Suheir “First Writing Since”

Hammad, Suheir “Mike Check”

**Hammad, Suheir “What I Will” (1 other student selected this song)**

Harrison, George “Something”

Hill, Lauren “Doo Wop”

Holiday, Billie “Strange Fruit”

Holzer, Jenny Projection artwork

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

Hozier “Nina Cried Power”

Ibarra, Ruby “Us”

Immortal Technique “Dancing with the Devil”

Inkskinned “Train”

James TW “When You Love Someone”

Jara, Victor “Manifesto”

**Jurassic 5 “Freedom”**

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 [Explicit]”**

**Lamar, Kendrick “The Blacker the Berry”**

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

**Lamar, Kendrik “King Kunta”**

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”

Linkin Park “With You

Logic “1-800-273-8255”

Marley, Bob & the Wailers “Buffalo Soldier”

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”

MF Doom ‘More Rhymin’”

M-1 “Hip Hop”

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

Mitski “Francis Forever”

Morrissey “Speedway”

NF “Mansion”

Ocean, Frank “Wiseman”

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

Nash, Kate “Birds”

Paramore “Fake Happy”

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”

Rodrigo, Olivia “Pretty Isn’t Pretty Enough”

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”

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” (1 other student selected this**

**poem)**

**Shakur, Tupac “Unconditional Love”**

Shakur, Tupac “Untitled”

Shakur, Tupac “Where There is a Will…”

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”

Simon & Garfunkel “Scarborough Fair”

Sinatra, Frank “My Funny Valentine”

Sinatra, Frank “My Way”

**Snoop Dogg “Affirmations”**

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 from “Seven”

Swift, Taylor “The Story of Us”

**Swift, Taylor “You’re On Your Own Kid”**

Switchfoot “American Dream”

Switchfoot “Souvenirs”

Tankian, Serj “My Words”

Terfry, Richard (Buck 65) “Lazarus Phenomenon”

The Smiths “The Headmaster’s Ritual”

The Smiths “I Know It’s Over”

Third Eye Blind “God of Wine”

Third Eye Blind “Wounded”

Thrice “A Song for Milly Michaelson”

TLC “Unpretty”

Twenty One Pilots “Kitchen Sink”

Underwood, Carrie “Lessons Learned”

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

Van Morrison “Astral Weeks”

Voegele, Kate “It’s Only Life”

West, Kanye “All Falls Down”

West, Kanye “Self Conscious”

West, Kanye “Ye vs. the People”

Williams, Hayley & Josh Farro “The Only Exception”

Williams, Saul “Black Stacey”

Woo-sung, Kim “Modern Life”

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”

Covey, Ricky “Her”

Fritz, Anna “No is a Complex Idea”

Fritz, Anna “Someday I’ll Love”

Fritz, Anna “Writing Around the Edge”

Miller, Mycah “All Caps Girl”

Ramos, Angel “Mi Amour Un Hemela”

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 Poety”

 “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.