

Edna St. Vincent Millay



Born in Rockland, Maine, Edna St. Vincent Millay as a teenager entered a national poetry contest sponsored by *The Lyric Year* magazine; her poem “Renaissance” won fourth place and led to a scholarship at Vassar College. Millay was as famous during her lifetime for her red-haired beauty, unconventional lifestyle, and outspoken politics as for her poetry. Yet her passionate, formal lyrics are cherished by many readers today, years after her death.