

POETRY OUT LOUD PRINT ANTHOLOGY POEMS*

***All poems on this list are eligible for official POL competition. Some are no longer on the website, but they are in the print anthology, and therefore eligible for competition.**

| <u>Poet</u> | <u>Poem</u> |
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| Matthew Arnold | <u>"Dover Beach"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| W.H. Auden | <u>"The Unknown Citizen"</u> <u>"The More Loving One"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Aphra Behn | <u>"Love Armed"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Ambrose Bierce | <u>"The New Decalogue"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| William Blake | <u>"The Tyger"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Louise Bogan | <u>"Women"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Anne Bradstreet | <u>"To My Dear and Loving Husband"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Emily Bronte | <u>"Shall earth no more inspire thee"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Rupert Brooke | <u>"The Soldier"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Gwendolyn Brooks | <u>"Sadie and Maud"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Elizabeth Barrett Browning | <u>"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Robert Browning | <u>"My Last Duchess"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Robert Burns | <u>"A Red, Red Rose"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Lord Byron | <u>"She Walks in Beauty"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Thomas Campion | <u>"Follow thy fair sun, unhappy shadow"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Lewis Carroll | <u>"Jabberwocky"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Lady Mary Chudleigh | <u>"To the Ladies"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |

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| John Clare | <u>"I Am"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Lucille Clifton | <u>"[if mama/could see]"</u> |
| Samuel Taylor Coleridge | <u>"Kubla Khan"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Hart Crane | <u>"My Grandmother's Love Letters"</u> |
| Countee Cullen | "Yet Do I Marvel" [25 Lines or Fewer]* |
| E.E. Cummings | <u>"anyone lived in a pretty how town"</u> |
| Toi Derricotte | <u>"Black Boys Play the Classics"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Emily Dickinson | <u>"Hope" is the thing with feathers"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| | <u>"I heard a Fly buzz—when I died"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| John Donne | <u>"The Good-Morrow"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| | <u>"Song"</u> |
| H.D. (Hilda Doolittle) | <u>"Helen"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Rita Dove | <u>"The Secret Garden"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Paul Laurence Dunbar | <u>"We Wear the Mask"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| T.S. Eliot | <u>"Preludes"</u> |
| Queen Elizabeth I | <u>"When I was Fair and Young"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Ralph Waldo Emerson | <u>"Concord Hymn"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Rhina P. Espaillat | <u>"Bilingual/Bilingue"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Anne Finch | <u>"Adam Posed"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Robert Frost | <u>"The Road Not Taken"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| | <u>"Fire and Ice"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |

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| | <u>"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Thomas Gray | <u>"Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat, Drowned in a Tub of Goldfishes"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Thomas Hardy | <u>"Channel Firing"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Joy Harjo | <u>"Eagle Poem"</u> |
| Michael S. Harper | <u>"Grandfather"</u> |
| Robert Hayden | <u>"Those Winter Sundays"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| George Herbert | <u>"The Pulley"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Robert Herrick | <u>"To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Oliver Wendell Holmes | <u>"Old Ironsides"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Gerard Manley Hopkins | <u>"Pied Beauty"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| A.E. Housman | <u>"To an Athlete Dying Young"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Julia Ward Howe | <u>"Battle-Hymn of the Republic"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Mary Howitt | "The Spider and the Fly" [Pre-20 th Century]* |
| Langston Hughes | <u>"Harlem"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| James Weldon Johnson | <u>"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"</u> |
| Ben Jonson | <u>"Song to Celia [Drink to e only with thine eyes]"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| John Keats | <u>"When I Have Fears That I May Cease to Be"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| | <u>"La Belle Dame sans Merci: A Ballad"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Joyce Kilmer | <u>"Trees"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Yusef Komunyakaa | <u>"Kindness"</u> |

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| Emma Lazarus | <u>"The New Colossus"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Edward Lear | <u>"The Owl and the Pussy-Cat"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Li-Young Lee | <u>"The Gift"</u> |
| Shirley Geok-Lin Lim | <u>"Learning to Love America"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Vachel Lindsay | <u>"General William Booth Enters Into Heaven"</u> |
| Henry Wadsworth Longfellow | <u>"A Psalm of Life"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Richard Lovelace | <u>"To Althea, from Prison"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Christopher Marlowe | <u>"The Passionate Shepherd to His Love"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Andrew Marvell | <u>"To His Coy Mistress"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| David Mason | <u>"Song of the Powers"</u> |
| Edgar Lee Masters | <u>"Mrs. Kessler"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Claude McKay | <u>"Romance"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Herman Melville | <u>"The Maldive Shark"</u> [Pre-20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Edna St. Vincent Millay | <u>"I think I should have loved you presently"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| | <u>"What lips my lips have kissed, and where, and why"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| John Milton | <u>"When I consider how my light is spent"</u> [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| N. Scott Momaday | <u>"The Delight Song of Tsoai-talee"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Marianne Moore | <u>"Poetry"</u> |
| Marilyn Nelson | <u>"How I Discovered Poetry"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Yone Noguchi | <u>"The Poet"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Wilfred Owen | <u>"Dulce et Decorum Est"</u> |

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| Dorothy Parker | “One Perfect Rose” [25 Lines or Fewer]* |
| Katherine Philips | “Epitaph” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Edgar Allan Poe | “Annabel Lee” [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Alexander Pope | “Ode on Solitude” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Ezra Pound | “Envoi” |
| Sir Walter Raleigh | “The Nymph’s Reply to the Shepherd” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Dudley Randall | “Ballad of Birmingham” |
| Edwin Arlington Robinson | “Miniver Cheevy” |
| Christina Rossetti | “Up-Hill” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Benjamin Alire Sáenz | “To the Desert” [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Carl Sandburg | “Chicago” |
| William Shakespeare | “When, in disgrace with fortune and men’s eyes” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| | “Not marble, nor the gilded monuments” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Percy Bysshe Shelley | “Ozymandias” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Charlotte Smith | “Oh, Hope! thou soother sweet of human woes” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Wallace Stevens | “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird” |
| Jonathan Swift | “A Satirical Elegy on the Death of a Late Famous General” [Pre-20 th Century] |
| Rabindranath Tagore | “Gitanjali 35” [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Sara Teasdale | “Let It Be Forgotten” [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Alfred, Lord Tennyson | “The Charge of the Light Brigade” [Pre-20 th Century] |

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| Dylan Thomas | <u>"Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] <u>"Fern Hill"</u> |
| Jean Toomer | <u>"November Cotton Flower"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Amy Uyematsu | <u>"Deliberate"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Edmund Waller | <u>"Song"</u> [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Phillis Wheatley | <u>"On Virtue"</u> [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Walt Whitman | <u>"I Hear America Singing"</u> [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| John Greenleaf Whittier | <u>"Barbara Frietchie"</u> [Pre-20 th Century] |
| William Carlos Williams | <u>"Danse Russe"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| William Wordsworth | <u>"The World Is Too Much with Us"</u> [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Sir Thomas Wyatt | <u>"They flee from me that sometime did me seek"</u> [Pre 20 th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer] |
| Elinor Wylie | <u>"Cold Blooded Creatures"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |
| William Butler Yeats | <u>"The Lake Isle of Innisfree"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] <u>"When You Are Old"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer] |

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