

PRE 1914 POEMS

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- 1 **Beowulf poet** - Beowulf lines 736-789
- 2 **Gawain Poet** - Gawain and the Green Knight lines 713-739
- 3 **Geoffrey Chaucer** - The Wife of Bath's portrait in The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales
- 4 **Anonymous** - I sing of a maiden
- 5 **Thomas Wyatt** - They flee from me that sometime did me seek
- 6 **Philip Sidney** - Song from Arcadia
- 7 **Christopher Marlowe** - In summer's heat and mid-time of the day
- 8 **Chidiock Tichborne** - Tichborne's elegy
- 9 **John Donne** - The good morrow
- 10 **Walter Raleigh** - Walsingham
- 11 **Mary Sidney Herbert** - O
- 12 **Robert Southwell** - The burning babe
- 13 **Edmund Spenser** - Amoretti LV: so oft as I her beauty do behold
- 14 **William Shakespeare** - When that I was and a little tiny boy
- 15 **Ben Jonson** - Song to Celia
- 16 **George Herbert** - Love (III)
- 17 **Richard Lovelace** - To Althea from prison
- 18 **Robert Herrick** - To the virgins, to make much of time
- 19 **Andrew Marvell** - Bermudas
- 20 **Katherine Philips** - Epitaph
- 21 **Henry King** - An exequy to his matchless never to be forgotten friend lines 81-120
- 22 **Anne Bradstreet** - Verses upon the burning of our house
- 23 **John Milton** - Paradise lost book 1 lines 242-315
- 24 **John Dryden** - A song for St Cecilia's Day lines 1-47
- 25 **Aphra Behn** - A thousand martyrs
- 26 **John Wilmot** - The mistress
- 27 **Anne Finch** - The hog, the sheep and the goat, carrying to a fair
- 28 **Alexander Pope** - Epistle to Miss Blount, on her leaving the town after the coronation
- 29 **Jonathan Swift** - A satirical elegy on the death of a late famous general
- 30 **Mary Leapor** - The visit
- 31 **Mary Wortley Montagu** - A receipt to cure the vapors
- 32 **Thomas Gray** - Elegy written in a country church yard lines 1-80
- 33 **Christopher Smart** - My cat, Jeoffry (from Jubilate Agno)
- 34 **Samuel Johnson** - On the death of Dr Robert Levet
- 35 **Charlotte Smith** - On being cautioned against walking on a headland
- 36 **William Cowper** - Epitaph on a hare
- 37 **Hannah More** - Slavery: a poem
- 38 **William Blake** - The chimney sweeper (when my mother died...)
- 39 **Joanna Baillie** - A mother to her waking infant
- 40 **Robert Burns** - Song: ae fond kiss, and then we sever
- 41 **Anna Laetitia Barbauld** - The rights of woman

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- 43 **Mary Robinson** - Female fashions for 1799
- 44 **Anonymous** - Lord Randall
- 45 **Anonymous** - The wife of Usher's well
- 46 **William Wordsworth** - The solitary reaper
- 47 **George Gordon, Lord Byron** - The destruction of Sennacherib
- 48 **Samuel Taylor Coleridge** - Kubla Khan
- 49 **Charles Wolfe** - The burial of Sir John Moore after Corunna
- 50 **Walter Scott** - Proud Maisie
- 51 **Percy Bysshe Shelley** - Ozymandias
- 52 **John Keats** - Ode to a nightingale
- 53 **Felicia Hemans** - Casabianca
- 54 **Thomas Love Peacock** - The war song of Dinas Vawr
- 55 **John Clare** - I found a ball of grass among the hay
- 56 **Robert Browning** - Porphyria's lover
- 57 **Alfred, Lord Tennyson** - Ulysses
- 58 **Emily Bronte** - Remembrance
- 59 **Elizabeth Barrett Browning** - Sonnets from the Portuguese XXIV
- 60 **Arthur Hugh Clough** - There is no God
- 61 **William Barnes** - My orchard in Linden Lea
- 62 **Frederick Tuckerman** - An upper chamber in a darkened house
- 63 **Adelaide Anne Proctor** - Envy
- 64 **Lewis Carroll** - You are old, father William
- 65 **Emily Dickinson** - Snake
- 66 **Matthew Arnold** - Dover beach
- 67 **Walt Whitman** - Dirge for two veterans
- 68 **W.E. Henley** - Invictus
- 69 **Algernon Swinburne** - A forsaken garden lines 1-40
- 70 **Gerard Manley Hopkins** - Inversnaid
- 71 **George Meredith** - Lucifer in starlight
- 72 **Christina Rossetti** - A frog's fate
- 73 **Amy Levy** - Philosophy
- 74 **Robert Bridges** - London snow
- 75 **Thomas Hardy** - Thoughts of Phená
- 76 **Robert Louis Stevenson** - Sing me a song of a lad that is gone
- 77 **Mary Elizabeth Coleridge** - The witch
- 78 **Paul Dunbar** - Invitation to love
- 79 **Oscar Wilde** - The ballad of Reading gaol lines 1-36
- 80 **E. Nesbit** - The things that matter
- 81 **W.E.B. du Bois** - The song of the smoke
- 82 **Rudyard Kipling** - The way through the woods
- 83 **C.P. Cavafy** - The God abandons Antony
- 84 **Walter de la Mare** - Miss Loo
- 85 **G.K. Chesterton** - The rolling English road
- 86 **Amy Lowell** - A blockhead

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