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

John Clare "I Am" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Lucille Clifton "[if mama/could see]"

Samuel Taylor Coleridge "Kubla Khan" [Pre-20th 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 "Hope" is the thing with feathers" [Pre-20th Century, 25

Lines or Fewer]

"I heard a Fly buzz—when I died" [Pre-20th Century, 25

Lines or Fewer]

John Donne "The Good-Morrow" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

"Song"

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-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

T.S. Eliot <u>"Preludes"</u>

Queen Elizabeth I "When I was Fair and Young" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or

Fewer]

Ralph Waldo Emerson "Concord Hymn" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Rhina P. Espaillat "Bilingual/Bilingue" [25 Lines or Fewer]

Anne Finch <u>"Adam Posed"</u> [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Robert Frost <u>"The Road Not Taken"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer]

"Fire and Ice" [25 Lines or Fewer]

"Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" [25 Lines or

Fewer]

Thomas Gray "Ode on the Death of a Favourite Cat, Drowned in a Tub of

Goldfishes" [Pre-20th Century]

Thomas Hardy "Channel Firing" [Pre-20th 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 "The Pulley" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Robert Herrick <u>"To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time"</u> [Pre-20th Century,

25 Lines or Fewer]

Oliver Wendell Holmes <u>"Old Ironsides"</u> [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Gerard Manley Hopkins <u>"Pied Beauty"</u> [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

A.E. Housman "To an Athlete Dying Young" [Pre-20th Century]

Julia Ward Howe "Battle-Hymn of the Republic" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines

or Fewer]

Mary Howitt "The Spider and the Fly" [Pre-20th Century]*

Langston Hughes "Harlem" [25 Lines or Fewer]

James Weldon Johnson "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"

Ben Jonson "Song to Celia [Drink to e only with thine eyes]" [Pre-20th

Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

John Keats "When I Have Fears That I May Cease to Be" [Pre-20th

Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

"La Belle Dame sans Merci: A Ballad" [Pre-20th Century]

Joyce Kilmer "Trees" [25 Lines or Fewer]

Yusef Komunyakaa <u>"Kindness"</u>

Emma Lazarus "The New Colossus" [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Edward Lear "The Owl and the Pussy-Cat" [Pre-20th 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-20th Century]

Richard Lovelace <u>"To Althea, from Prison"</u> [Pre-20th Century]

Christopher Marlowe "The Passionate Shepherd to His Love" [Pre-20th Century,

25 Lines or Fewer]

Andrew Marvell "To His Coy Mistress" [Pre-20th Century]

David Mason <u>"Song of the Powers"</u>

Edgar Lee Masters "Mrs. Kessler" [25 Lines or Fewer]

Claude McKay <u>"Romance"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer]

Herman Melville <u>"The Maldive Shark"</u> [Pre-20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Edna St. Vincent Millay "I think I should have loved you presently" [25 Lines or

Fewer]

"What lips my lips have kissed, and where, and why" [25]

Lines or Fewer

John Milton "When I consider how my light is spent" [Pre 20th 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 "How I Discovered Poetry" [25 Lines or Fewer]

Yone Noguchi "The Poet" [25 Lines or Fewer]

Wilfred Owen "Dulce et Decorum Est"

Dorothy Parker "One Perfect Rose" [25 Lines or Fewer]*

Katherine Philips <u>"Epitaph"</u> [Pre 20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Edgar Allan Poe <u>"Annabel Lee"</u> [Pre-20th Century]

Alexander Pope <u>"Ode on Solitude"</u> [Pre 20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Ezra Pound <u>"Envoi"</u>

Sir Walter Ralegh "The Nymph's Reply to the Shepherd" [Pre 20th Century,

25 Lines or Fewer]

Dudley Randall <u>"Ballad of Birmingham"</u>

Edwin Arlington Robinson "Miniver Cheevy"

Christina Rossetti <u>"Up-Hill"</u> [Pre 20th 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 20th

Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

"Not marble, nor the gilded monuments" [Pre 20th

Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Percy Bysshe Shelley "Ozymandias" [Pre 20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Charlotte Smith "Oh, Hope! thou soother sweet of human woes" [Pre 20th

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-20th Century]

Rabindranath Tagore "Gitanjali 35" [Pre 20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Sara Teasdale <u>"Let It Be Forgotten"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer]

Alfred, Lord Tennyson "The Charge of the Light Brigade" [Pre-20th Century]

Dylan Thomas "Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night" [25 Lines or

Fewer]

"Fern Hill"

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 20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Phillis Wheatley <u>"On Virtue"</u> [Pre 20th Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Walt Whitman "I Hear America Singing" [Pre 20th Century, 25 Lines or

Fewer]

John Greenleaf Whittier <u>"Barbara Frietchie"</u> [Pre-20th Century]

William Carlos Williams <u>"Danse Russe"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer]

William Wordsworth "The World Is Too Much with Us" [Pre 20th Century, 25

Lines or Fewer

Sir Thomas Wyatt "They flee from me that sometime did me seek" [Pre 20th

Century, 25 Lines or Fewer]

Elinor Wylie <u>"Cold Blooded Creatures"</u> [25 Lines or Fewer]

William Butler Yeats "The Lake Isle of Innisfree" [25 Lines or Fewer]

"When You Are Old" [25 Lines or Fewer]

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