

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Uncover the stories behind the world's most famous poems.

Read full text poems and their origins in *Gale Literature: LitFinder*.

- **O Captain! My Captain - Walt Whitman**
O CAPTAIN! my Captain! our fearful trip is done...
- **Hope Is the Thing with Feathers - Emily Dickinson**
"Hope" is the thing with feathers / That perches in the soul...
- **Sonnet 16 - William Shakespeare**
Love is not love, / Which alters when it alteration finds...
- **The New Colossus - Emma Lazarus**
Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free...
- **The Rime of the Ancient Mariner - Samuel Taylor Coleridge**
Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink...
- **The Road Not Taken - Robert Frost**
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - / I took the one less traveled by, / And that has made all the difference.
- **Sonnets from the Portuguese - Elizabeth Barrett Browning**
How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...
- **Sonnets 18 - William Shakespeare**
Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
- **The Charge of the Light Brigade - Alfred Lord Tennyson**
Theirs not to reason why, / Theirs but to do and die...
- **Leisure – W. H. Davies**
What is this life if, full of care, / We have no time to stand and stare...
- **She Walks in Beauty - Lord Byron**
She walks in beauty, like the night...
- **The Passionate Shepard to His Love - Christopher Marlowe**
Come live with me and be my love...
- **The Raven - Edgar Allan Poe**
Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore."
- **To The Virgins, To Make Much of Time - Robert Herrick**
Gather ye rosebuds while ye may...
- **A Red, Red Rose - Robert Burns**
O, my Luve's like a red, red rose..