

## Poems that Speak to Me

A Day in May	Billy Collins
A Diner on the South Shore, 1987	Ned Balbo
A Happy Birthday	Ted Kooser
A Poison Tree	William Blake
A Rainy Morning	Ted Kooser
A Red, Red Rose	Robert Burns
A Spiral Notebook	Ted Kooser
About a Boy Stirring Jam	Janus Szuber
Absence	Billy Collins
Acceptance	Robert Frost
Acceptance Speech	David Yezzi
Acquainted with the Night	Robert Frost
Advice to Writers	Billy Collins
After You're Gone	Iris DeMent
Afternoon	Dorothy Parker
American Summer	Edward Hirsch
The Angel's Retirement Speech	Annie Farnsworth
Another Spring	Thomas R. Smith
The Apparitions	William Butler Yeats
At Kew Gardens	David Malouf
At Last the Secret is Out	W.H. Auden
Autumn Movement	Carl Sandburg
Bar Time	Billy Collins
Baseball	John Updike
The Beaded Purse	Ted Kooser
Beans and Franks	Donald Hall
Bermuda	Billy Collins
Beside the Point	Stephen Cushman
The Best Cigarette	Billy Collins
Birches	Robert Frost
Body and Soul	B H Fairchild
Books	Billy Collins
Blackberry Eating	Galway Kinnell
The Bustle in a House	Emily Dickinson
The Butcher's Son	Thom Gunn
Center	Billy Collins
Chicory	John Updike
Christmas Away from Home	Jane Kenyon
Christmas Time	William Bonfiglio
Coats	Jane Kenyon
The Coffee Cup	Donald Hall
Coming Home at Twilight in Late Summer	Jane Kenyon
The Common Wisdom	Howard Nemerov
Commuters	Edward Hirsch
The Continuous Life	Mark Strand
Cosmology	Billy Collins
Cotton Candy	Edward Hirsch
The Country	Billy Collins

Daffodils	William Wordsworth
Day Bath	Debra Spencer
December 1*	Billy Collins
Depression Glass	Ted Kooser
Dharma	Billy Collins
Digging	Seamus Heaney
Down the Road	Jane Kenyon
Dream Deferred	Langston Hughes
Due Diligence	David Lehman
The Dreamkeeper	Langston Hughes
Early Sunday Morning	Edward Hirsch
Edward Hopper and the House by the Railroad (1925)	Edward Hirsch
Everyman, an excerpt	Philip Roth
Exeunt	Richard Wilbur
Fall	Edward Hirsch
Fall	Rainer Maria Rilke
Farewell	Isapo-muxika
The Fascination of What's Difficult	William Butler Yeats
Fast Break	Edward Hirsch
Father	Ted Kooser
February: Thinking of Flowers	Jane Kenyon
The First Eight Days of the Beard	Jane Kenyon
First Reader	Billy Collins
Flaccus, Drive Up	Donald Hall
The Flies	Donald Hall
Flying Lesson	Julie Kasdorf
Footprints in December 11, 2016	Kirk Westphal
For My Daughter	David Ignatow
For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio	W.H. Auden
Forgetfulness	Billy Collins
Four Blossoms	Li-Young Lee
Four Poems I Know	Ann Porter
From Room to Room	Jane Kenyon
Geranium	Jane Kenyon
Green Figs	Edward Hirsch
Happiness	Raymond Carver
Halfway Down	Chard Deniord
He Wishes for the Cloths of Heaven	William Butler Yeats
Heavy Summer Rain	Jane Kenyon
Helium	Billy Collins
Her Door	Mary Leader
Here	Jane Kenyon
The Hole	Donald Hall
How to Get Back to Chester	Edward Hirsch
How to Be a Poet	Wendell Berry
The Hunkering	Donald Hall
I Am Here in Pathmark Among the Cheeses	Maria Mazziotti Gillan
I Chop Some Parsely While Listening to Art Blakey's Version of "Three Blind Mice"	Billy Collins
I Do What I Can Do	Tom C. Hunley

I, Too	Langston Hughes
I Wondered Lonely As a Cloud	William Wordsworth
Ice	Gail Mazur
The Iceberg Theory	Gerald Locklin
If You Were Coming in the Fall	Emily Dickinson
I'm Nobody! Who Are You?	Emily Dickinson
The Influence of Anxiety	Billy Collins
In Spite of Everything, The Stars	Edward Hirsch
In the Apartments of the Divorced Men	Sue Ellen Thompson
In the Climbing Tree	William Bonfiglio
Insomnia	Billy Collins
Into Agate	William Bonfiglio
Instructions	Sheri Hostetler
Introduction to Poetry	Billy Collins
Jamesian	Thom Gunn
Kathy's Song	Paul Simon
Key to the Highway	Mark Halliday
Kicking the Leaves	Donald Hall
The Journey	Mary Oliver
Keeping Quiet	Pablo Neruda
Landing	Ted Kooser
Late March	Edward Hirsch
Lay Back the Darkness	Edward Hirsch
Leisure	William Henry Davies
Let Evening Come	Jane Kenyon
Let the Mystery Be	Iris DeMent
A Letter to Anne	Langston Hughes
Life of Sundays	Rodney Jones
Listen Here	Dave Frishberg
Long Island Sound	Emma Lazarus
Lost Body	Jordan Rice
The Lover Pleads With His Friends For Old Friends	William Butler Yeats Lower
Reserve	William Billiter
Lucinda Matlock	Edgar Lee Masters
Madonna of the Evening Flowers	Amy Lowell
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Maple Syrup	Donald Hall
The Marsh in Winter	Timothy Walsh
Mastery	W.H. Auden
Memory	Ted Kooser
Mid-March	Lizette Woodworth Rose
The Moment	Margaret Atwood
Moment of Inertia	Debra Spencer
The Money Note	Billy Collins
Monotone	Carl Sandburg
"More Than a Woman"	Billy Collins
The More Loving One	W.H. Auden
Morning	Billy Collins
Mother	Ted Kooser
Mourners	Ted Kooser

The Music One Looks Back On	Stephen Dobyns
My Grandmother's Bed	Edward Hirsch
My Number	Billy Collins
The Names	Billy Collins
The Necktie	Ted Kooser
Neither Out Far Nor in Deep	Robert Frost
New Cap	Ted Kooser
Night Letter to the Reader	Billy Collins
Nightingale	Leonard Cohen
No Map	Stephen Dobyns
Not Anyone Who Says	Mary Oliver
Note to J. Alfred Prufrock	Billy Collins
Nothing Gold Can Stay	Robert Frost
Nothing Is Lost	Noel Coward
November	Mary Oliver
Obituary	George Gerdes
Omen	Edward Hirsch
On Turning Ten	Billy Collins
Only Child	Billy Collins
The Old Men Admiring Themselves in the Water	William Butler Yeats
Orange Knee Socks	Donald Hall
Otherwise	Jane Kenyon
Out Back	Jeffrey Harrison
Out on the Bluffs	William Bonfiglio
Outside of Richmond, Virginia, Sunday	Deborah Slicer
Paris	Billy Collins
Paris Sky	Leonard Cohen
The Passing of the Year	Robert Service
The Peace of Wild Things	Wendell Berry
Pencil Stubs	Thomas R. Smith
Perfection Wasted	John Updike
Play Jolly Music at My Funeral	Richard Greene
The Poet at Seven	Edward Hirsch
Poppies	Mary Oliver
The Porcelain Couple	Donald Hall
Praise Song	Barbara Crooker
Prayer for a Marriage	Steve Scafid
The Present	Billy Collins
Profile of the Night Heron	Anne Pierson Wiese
Raking Leaves	Jack Shiner
The Red Wheelbarrow	William Carlos Williams
The Residency	David Yezzi
Retreat	Robert Morgan
Ring Out Wild Bells	Alfred, Lord Tennyson
Riveted	Robyn Sarah
Rooms	Billy Collins
Self-Knowledge	C.K. Williams
Schoolsville	Billy Collins
September 1, 1939	W. H. Auden
The Seven Pentacles	Marge Piercy

Shifting the Sun  
Shoveling Snow  
The Sick Wife  
Sinatra  
Sisters at Breakfast on the First Day After  
Sixteen Years Old  
Skater  
The Skokie Theatre  
Snowy Night  
Solstice  
Song Against Natural Selection  
Special Orders  
Spring at Kew Gardens  
Sometimes  
Species  
Starlings in Winter  
Staunch Michigan Trees  
Stepping Out of Poetry  
Stump  
Sugar Maples, January 23, 2012  
The Sugar Thief  
Summer Storm  
Takes Talent  
Tanager  
Tattoo  
The Thing Is  
Those Winter Sundays  
Time to Plant Trees  
To A Friend  
To Know Silence Perfectly  
Topography of a Bird  
Touch Me  
Train Ride  
The Tree and Me  
Toro 8-32, Rear Engine  
Tree at My Window  
Trees  
Trust  
Twilight: After Haying  
Two  
Two Tramps in Mud Time  
Under the Stars  
The Unveiling  
Valediction  
Velocity  
Wait  
Wasting Time  
Waters of March  
Weathervane  
Weeds and Peonies

Diana Der-Hovanesian  
Kirsten Dierking  
Jane Kenyon  
Jacques Duvall and Alain Chamfort  
Paula Stacey  
Billy Collins  
Ted Kooser  
Edward Hirsch  
Mary Oliver  
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Anita Wisniewska  
Sheenagh Pugh  
Billy Collins  
Mary Oliver  
Buzz Alexander  
Gerald Stern  
Donald Hall  
Richard Wilbur  
Ned Balbo  
Dana Goia  
Don Marquis  
Billy Collins  
Ted Kooser  
Ellen Bass  
Robert Hayden  
James Hayford  
Amy Lowell  
Carl Sandburg  
Jennie Malboeuf  
Stanley Kunitz  
Bill Zavatsky  
Oscar Brown, Jr.  
William Bonfiglio  
Robert Frost  
Howard Nemeroff  
Thomas R. Smith  
Jane Kenyon  
Ted Kooser  
Robert Frost  
Billy Collins  
Edward Hirsch  
Charles W. Pratt  
Billy Collins  
Galway Kinnell  
Carl Auerbach  
Antonio Carlos Jobim  
Billy Collins  
Donald Hall

When The Fine Days  
When You Are Old  
where we are  
Why Should Old Men Not Be Mad?  
The Wild Old Wicked Man  
Willy Loman  
Winter Song  
Winter's End  
Workshop  
The World is Too Much With Us  
The Yankee Clipper  
You Reading This, Be Ready  
Young Orchard  
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William Butler Yeats  
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Edwin Romand  
Aaron Kramer  
Howard Moss  
Billy Collins  
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