



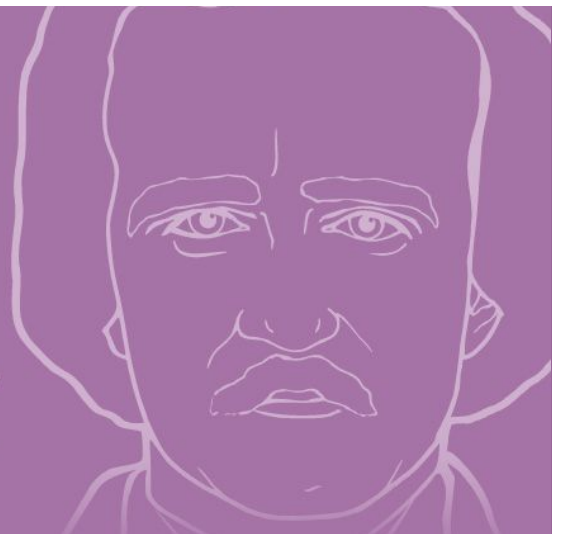
Emily Dickinson



Shel Silverstein



Gwendolyn Brooks



*“Poetry is the rhythmical creation of beauty in words.”*

– Edgar Allan Poe

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# National Poetry Month

## April 2007

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<b>1</b> 1868 – Edmond Rostand is born	<b>2</b> <b>Haiku</b> – Three-line, 17-syllable poem; usually about nature	<b>3</b> <b>Acrostic</b> – First letters of each line of poem form a word; usually subject of poem	<b>4</b> 1928 – Maya Angelou is born	<b>5</b> <b>Sonnet</b> – Verse consisting of 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme	<b>6</b> <b>Cinquain</b> – Five-line poem where first and last line have one word	<b>7</b> 1770 – William Wordsworth is born
<b>8</b> Enjoy a poem a day at <a href="http://www.poems.com">www.poems.com</a>	<b>9</b> 1821 – Charles Baudelaire is born	<b>10</b> Read “Spring” by ee cummings	<b>11</b> Start of Young People’s Poetry Week	<b>12</b> Read and discuss “Road Less Traveled” by Robert Frost	<b>13</b> 1939 – Seamus Heaney is born	<b>14</b> <b>Limerick</b> – Humorous five-line poem with an AABBA rhyme scheme
<b>15</b> Read Shel Silverstein’s <i>The Giving Tree</i>	<b>16</b> 1844 – Anatole France is born	<b>17</b> <b>Free Verse</b> – Fluid form of poetry that conforms to no set rules	<b>18</b> <b>Couplet</b> – Two successive lines of poetry with end words that rhyme	<b>19</b> 1931 – Etheridge Knight is born	<b>20</b> <b>Diamante</b> – Text forms shape of a diamond	<b>21</b> <b>Quatrain</b> – Four-line stanza with a rhyming pattern
<b>22</b> 1616 – Spanish poet Cervantes dies	<b>23</b> 1564 – William Shakespeare is born 1616 – William Shakespeare dies	<b>24</b> 1905 – Robert Penn Warren is born	<b>25</b> 1873 – Walter de la Mare is born	<b>26</b> 1557 – Thomas Tusser writes “Sweet April Showers/Do Bring May Flowers”	<b>27</b> 1904 – C. Day Lewis is born	<b>28</b> 1764 – Marie Joseph Chenier is born
<b>29</b> 1947 – Yusef Komunyakaa is born	<b>30</b> Poem in Your Pocket Day	Research these facts and more with free resources available at <a href="http://www.gale.com/free_resources">www.gale.com/free_resources</a>				