



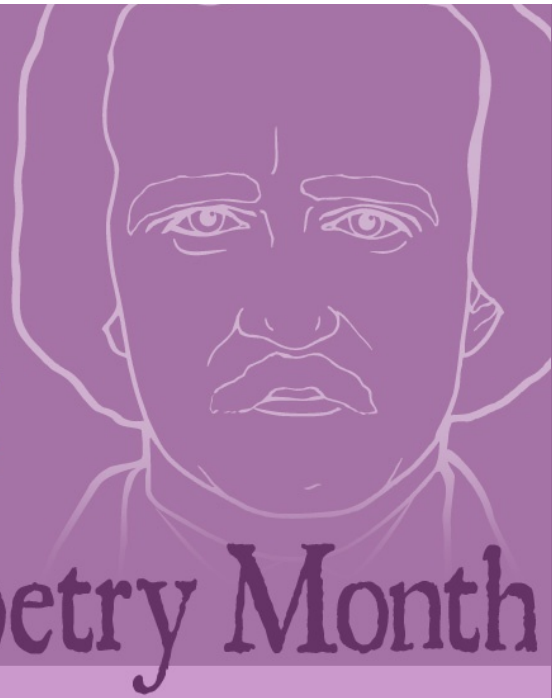
Emily Dickinson



Shel Silverstein



Gwendolyn Brooks



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

– Edgar Allan Poe

APRIL IS

National Poetry Month

April 2005

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Research these facts and more with free resources available at www.gale.com/free_resources

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1868 – Edmond Rostand is born

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Haiku – Three-line, 17-syllable poem; usually about nature

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Acrostic – First letters of each line of poem form a word; usually subject of poem

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1928 – Maya Angelou is born

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Sonnet – Verse consisting of 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme

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Cinquain – Five-line poem where first and last line have one word

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1770 – William Wordsworth is born

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Enjoy a poem a day at www.poems.com

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1821 – Charles Baudelaire is born

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Read “Spring” by ee cummings

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Start of Young People’s Poetry Week

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Read and discuss “Road Less Traveled” by Robert Frost

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1939 – Seamus Heaney is born

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Limerick – Humerous five-line poem with an AABBA rhyme scheme

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Read Shel Silverstein’s *The Giving Tree*

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1844 – Anatole France is born

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Free Verse – Fluid form of poetry that conforms to no set rules

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Couplet – Two successive lines of poetry with end words that rhyme

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1931 – Etheridge Knight is born

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Diamante – Text forms shape of a diamond

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Quatrain – Four-line stanza with a rhyming pattern

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1616 – Spanish poet Cervantes dies

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1564 – William Shakespeare is born
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1905 – Robert Penn Warren is born

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1873 – Walter de la Mare is born

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1557 – Thomas Tusser writes “Sweet April Showers/Do Bring May Flowers”

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1904 – C. Day Lewis is born

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1764 – Marie Joseph Chenier is born

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1947 – Yusef Komunyakaa is born

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Poem in Your Pocket Day