

Great Poems, as selected by Jim Nies
(a basic reading list) (or, required reading)
as of January, 2021

1. Bankers Are Just Like Anybody Else, Except Richer, Ogden Nash
2. Beannacht, John O'Donohue
3. Cargoes, John Masefield
4. Counting Out Rhyme, Edna St. Vincent Millay
5. Dirge Without Music, Edna St. Vincent Millay
6. Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night, Dylan Thomas
7. Dulce & Decorum Est, Wilfred Owen
8. Earth, John Hall Wheelock
9. Eve of St. Agnes, John Keats
10. Fern Hill, Dylan Thomas
11. Fire and Ice, Robert Frost
12. Fog, Carl Sandburg
13. From Far, From Eve and Morning, A.E. Housman
14. God's Grandeur, Gerard Manley Hopkins
15. Hillside Thaw, Robert Frost
16. I Heard a Fly Buzz, Emily Dickinson
17. I Taste a Liquor Never Brewed, Emily Dickinson
18. in just-, e. e. cummings
19. Ithaka, Constantine Cavafy
20. Jabberwocky, Lewis Carroll
21. Kansas Boy, Ruth Lechlitner
22. Kubla Kahn, Samuel Taylor Coleridge
23. Life of a Day, Tom Hennen
24. Love Is Not All, Edna St. Vincent Millay
25. Loveliest of Trees, A.E. Housman
26. Meeting at Night, Robert Browning
27. Mending Wall, Robert Frost
28. My Last Duchess, Robert Browning
29. My Papa's Waltz, Theodore Roethke
30. Noiseless Patient Spider, Walt Whitman
31. Nothing Gold Can Stay, Robert Frost
32. Nothing Is Far, Robert Francis
33. On Turning Ten, Billy Collins
34. Orange, Wendy Cope
35. Oxcart Man, Donald Hall
36. Ozymandias, Percy Bysshe Shelley
37. Pied Beauty, Gerard Manley Hopkins
38. pity this busy monster, manunkind, e.e. cummings
39. Richard Cory, Edwin Arlington Robinson
40. Road Not Taken, Robert Frost
41. Say not the Struggle not Availeth, Arthur Hugh Clough

42. Sea Fever, John Masefield
43. Second Coming, William Butler Yeats
44. Sir Patrick Spence, Anon
45. Soaking Up Sun, Tom Hennen
46. Solitary Reaper, William Wordsworth
47. Sometimes, Sheenagh Pugh
48. Song of the Wandering Aengus, William Butler Yeats
49. Sonnet to My Mother, George Barker
50. Spring, Edna St. Vincent Millay
51. Stopping By A Woods, Robert Frost
52. Summer Storm, Diana Gioia
53. Sunday Morning, Wallace Stevens
54. The Eagle, Alfred Lord Tennyson
55. The Man With the Hoe, Edwin Markham
56. The World Is Too Much With Us, William Wordsworth
57. There Is No Frigate Like a Book, Emily Dickinson
58. There's a Certain Slant of Light, Emily Dickinson
59. To Be of Use, Marge Piercy
60. To His Coy Mistress, Andrew Marvell
61. To Look at Any Thing, John Moffitt
62. To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time, Robert Herrick
63. Ulysses, Alfred Lord Tennyson
64. Waitress, Billy Collins
65. Western Wind, Anon
66. what if a much of a which of a wind, e.e. cummings
67. When I Was One and Twenty, A. E. Housman
68. Where We Are, Gerald Locklin
69. Yet I Do Marvel, Countee Cullen