

October 2022

POETRY

Poetry to read or
memorize by
Edna St Vincent Millay

HYMNS & SONGS

A hymn from Matthew
11:28, a Titanic folk song,
and the historic song of
God Save the
King/Queen

OTHER

The Merchant of Venice
quotes, the Nicene
creed, Old Testament
verses, civics questions,
and one of Lincoln's best
speeches

***“The thing is, to keep your eye upon words
and wait to feel their force and beauty;***

*and, when words are so fit that no other words can be put in their
places, so few that none can be left out without spoiling the sense,
and so fresh and musical that they delight you,
then you may be sure that you are reading Literature,
whether in prose or poetry.”*

Charlotte Mason

*"Blessings be with them and eternal praise,
who gave us nobler loves, and nobler cares -
the poets, who on earth have made us heirs
of truth and pure delight by heavenly lays."*

Wordsworth

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PRAYER

Adapted from The Cadet Prayer by Rev. Albert S. Thomas

Almighty God, the source of light and strength,
we implore Thy blessing on this our time of learning,
that it may continue true to its high purposes.

Guide and strengthen those upon whom rests the
authority of government; enlighten with wisdom those
who teach and those who learn; and grant to all of us
that through sound learning and firm leadership, we may
prove ourselves worthy citizens of our country, devoted
to truth, given to unselfish service, loyal to every
obligation of life and above all to Thee.

Preserve us faithful to God, sincere in fellowship,
unswerving in duty, finding joy in purity and confidence
through a steadfast faith.

And grant to each one of us in our own lives, a humble
heart, a steadfast purpose, and a joyful hope, with a
readiness to endure hardship and suffer if need be, that
truth may prevail among us and Thy will be done on
earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

AFTERNOON ON A HILL

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

I will be the gladdest thing
Under the sun!
I will touch a hundred flowers
And not pick one.

I will look at cliffs and clouds
With quiet eyes,
Watch the wind blow down the grass,
And the grass rise.

And when lights begin to show
Up from the town,
I will mark which must be mine,
And then start down!

TRAVEL

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

The railroad track is miles away,
And the day is loud with voices speaking,
Yet there isn't a train goes by all day
But I hear its whistle shrieking.

All night there isn't a train goes by,
Though the night is still for sleep and dreaming,
But I see its cinders red on the sky,
And hear its engine steaming.

My heart is warm with the friends I make,
And better friends I'll not be knowing,
Yet there isn't a train I wouldn't take,
No matter where it's going.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

By William Shakespeare

“In sooth, I know not why I am so sad.”
— Antonio, 1.1.1

“Let me play the fool.”
— Gratiano, 1.1.83

“If to do were as easy as to know what were good to do, chapels had been churches, and poor men’s cottages princes’ palaces.”
— Portia, 1.2.9

“God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man.”
— Portia, 1.2.59

“The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.”
— Antonio, 1.3.99

“It is a wise father who knows his own child.”
— Lancelot Gobbo, 2.1.83

“But love is blind, and lovers cannot see
The pretty follies that themselves commit.”
— Jessica, 2.6.36

“The portrait of a blinking idiot.”
— Aragon, 2.9.54

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

By William Shakespeare

"The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest:
It blesseth him that gives, and him that takes.
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest, it becomes
The throned monarch better than his crown.
His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
The attribute to awe and majesty,
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
But mercy is above tis sceptred sway.
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
It is an attribute to God himself,
And early power doth then show likest God's
When mercy seasons justice."
— Portia, 4.1.182-195

"I am a Jew. Hath not a Jew eyes? Hath not a Jew hands,
organs, dimensions, senses, affections, passions; fed
with the same food, hurt with the same weapons, subject
to the same diseases, healed by the same means,
warmed and cooled by the same winter and
summer as a Christian is? If you prick us do we not
bleed? If you tickle us do we not laugh? If you poison us
do we not die? And if you wrong us shall we not
revenge?"
— Shylock, 3.1.60-70

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Horatius Bonar, 1846

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

DOUBT NO MORE THAT OBERON

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

Doubt no more that Oberon—
Never doubt that Pan
Lived, and played a reed, and ran
After nymphs in a dark forest,
In the merry, credulous days,—
Lived, and led a fairy band
Over the indulgent land!
Ah, for in this dourest, sorest
Age man's eye has looked upon,
Death to fauns and death to fays,
Still the dog-wood dares to raise—
Healthy tree, with trunk and root—
Ivory bowls that bear no fruit,
And the starlings and the jays—
Birds that cannot even sing—
Dare to come again in spring!

THE TITANIC

circa 1912

The rich folk decided to take a trip
On the finest ship that was ever built.
The cap'n persuaded these people to think
This Titanic's too safe to sink.
Out on that ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

The ship left the harbor at a rapid speed,
Twuz carryin' everything that the people need.
She sailed six-hundred miles away,
Met an iceberg in her way.
Out on the ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

The ship left the harbor, and was runnin' fast.
It was her first trip an' her last.
Way out on that ocean wide
An iceberg ripped her in the side.
Out on that ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

Up come Bill, from the bottom floor,
Said the water was a runnin' in the boiler door.
Go back, Bill, an' shut your mouth,
Got forty-eight pumps to keep the water out!
Out on that ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

Just about then the capt'n looked 'round,
He saw the Titanic was sinkin' down.
He gives orders to the men around
"Get your life-boats and let 'em down!"
Out on that ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

The men standin' round like heroes brave,
Nothin' but women and children to save;
The women an' the children a-wiping their eyes.
Kissing their husbands and friends good-bye.
Out on the ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

On the fifteenth of April nineteen-twelve,
The ship wrecked by an iceberg out in the ocean dwells.
The people were thinkin' Jesus the Nazerene,
While the band played, "Nearer My God to Thee!"
Out on that ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, sinkin' down!

Out on that ocean, the great wide ocean,
Titanic, out on the ocean, Sinkin' down! Sinkin' down!

THE AUTUMN CHANT

By Edna St. Vincent Millay

Now the autumn shudders
In the rose's root.
Far and wide the ladders
Lean among the fruit.

Now the autumn clambers
Up the trellised frame,
And the rose remembers
The dust from which it came.

Brighter than the blossom
On the rose's bough
Sits the wizened, orange,
Bitter berry now;

Beauty never slumbers;
All is in her name;
But the rose remembers
The dust from which it came.

GOD SAVE THE KING/QUEEN

God save our gracious King/Queen!
Long live our noble King/Queen!
God save the King/Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King/Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King/Queen.

Additional Verse added in 1946

But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nation see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er.

CIVICS EXAM QUESTIONS

Systems of Government

36. What are the Cabinet-level positions? (Name TWO)

- Secretary of Agriculture
- Secretary of Commerce
- Secretary of Defense
- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of Energy
- Secretary of Health and Human Services
- Secretary of Homeland Security
- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
- Secretary of the Interior
- Secretary of Labor
- Secretary of State
- Secretary of Transportation
- Secretary of the Treasury
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- Attorney General
- Vice President

37. What does the judicial branch do?

- reviews laws
- explains laws
- resolves disputes (disagreements)
- decides if a law goes against the Constitution

CIVICS EXAM QUESTIONS

Systems of Government

38. What is the highest court in the United States?
- the Supreme Court
39. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
- Nine (9)
40. Who is the Chief Justice of the United States now?
- Chief Justice John G. Roberts
41. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
- to print money
 - to declare war
 - to create an army
 - to make treaties
42. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the states. What is one power of the states?
- provide schooling and education
 - provide protection (police)
 - provide safety (fire departments)
 - give a driver's license
 - approve zoning and land use

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

ESV

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

NICENE CREED

Council of Nicea (AD 325) and Council of Calcedon (AD 451)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by him all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together worshiped and glorified;
who spoke through the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

By Abraham Lincoln, 1863

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate-we can not consecrate-we can not hallow-this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us-that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion-that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain-that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom-and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.