

# Lewis & Clark Reading Council *Explores Poetry*



## Diva

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The diva strides and flexes lightly  
yet her footsteps resonate  
and all who sense the ripples

stop

and turn around.

Her power is her freedom  
her freedom is her joy  
her joy is boundless  
like the wind  
unstoppable  
sometimes soft and gentle,  
sometimes like a hurricane  
she takes you,  
and she sweeps you up  
and far away ...

Her laughter owns the sky  
and all is at her mercy,  
at her touch  
of wilderness enchantment,  
vibrant lightning  
bringing rush of life,  
wherever it may strike.

Bow your head in reverence  
and pray!

Her smile  
as you emerge the chosen one  
will raise you,  
a breathless moment -

Step beyond,  
become immortal  
in the mirror of her gaze.

Source: <http://www.authorsden.com/visit/viewpoetry.asp?AuthorID=13724&id=115400>

## **TYPES OF POETRY EVENTS & POPULAR POETS:**

### **\*For Elementary School:**

Student Poet Night

Tea & Poetry Party (students write and share poems with parents & grandparents at a tea and cookie event)

Poetry Web quest (Grade 5) <http://webtechkennesaw.edu/khamilton/wquest.htm>

Poetry Corner (Grade 5)

<http://library.thinkquest.org/3721/poems/forms/learn.html>

<http://veeceet.com/> (animal poems of Ogden Nash and other famous children's poems)

*Shel Silverstein*

*Ogden Nash*

*Jack Prelutsky*

*Judith Viorst*

### **\*For Middle School:**

Choral Reading Groups

Poetry for Kids Language Study <http://42explore.com/giglang.htm>

Poe's Poems from E.A. Poe Society of Baltimore

<http://www.eapoe.org/works/poems/index.htm>

*Edgar Allen Poe*

*Langston Hughes*

*Robert Frost*

*Edward Lear*

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### **\*For High School:**

Poetry Coffee House (Handbook for Discussing Poetry)

<http://www.emory.edu/ENGLISH/classes/Handbook/Handbook.html>

Geometry Meets Poetry Web Quest

[http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/newman/learningmaps/webquests/new\\_math\\_poetry/main.htm](http://www.needham.k12.ma.us/newman/learningmaps/webquests/new_math_poetry/main.htm)

Sonnet Central <http://www.sonnets.org>

*William Shakespeare*

*William Wordsworth*

*Nikki Giovanni*

*Emily Dickenson*

*William Blake*

*Gwendolyn Brooks*

*T.S. Eliot*

*Pablo Neruda*

**NOTEWORTHY ILLINOIS POETS:**

*Carl Sandburg*

*Edgar Lee Masters*

*Vachel Lindsay*

**ILLINOIS POETRY LINKS:**

<http://www.phylsquill.com> (features engaging ideas to teach students about poetry from Lewis & Clark Reading Council board member Phyllis Hostmeyer)

<http://www.illinoispoets.org>

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/>

**MORE FAVORITE LINKS:**

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com/> (Academy of American Poets)

<http://www.poetryarchive.org/childrensarchive/home.do>

<http://www.proteacher.com/070034.shtml>

<http://www.favoritepoem.org/> (Favorite Poem Project—dedicated to celebrating, documenting and promoting poetry’s role in American lives. Open call for submissions from all ages, from every state, diverse occupations)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/listenandwrite/home.htm>

**Poetry Terminology:**

alliteration	emotion	lyric	sound
assonance	epic	meter	stanza
ballad	experience	narrative	tanka
beats	free verse	ode	verse
blank verse	Haiku	onomatopoeia	versification
concrete poetry	heroic couplet	quatrain	
consonance	imagery	repetition	
couplet	limerick	rhythm	
dramatic monologue	line	rhyme	

***Don't Forget! April is Poetry Month***