



Poetic Themes

An Introduction to Poetry in English

University of Glasgow - Timetable January-March 2020
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/short/book/course/ADED11509>

Love and Desire

- John Donne - A Valediction Forbidding Mourning
- WB Yeats - The Song of Wandering Aengus
- WH Auden - Lullaby
- Carol Ann Duffy - Warming Her Pearls

Life and Death

- Robert Herrick - To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time
- John Donne - A Nocturnal Upon St Lucy's Day
- Edward Fitzgerald - from *The Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám*

Nature and Animals

- Christopher Smart - from *Jubilate Agno* - 'For I will consider my cat Geoffrey'
- Thomas Hardy - The Darkling Thrush
- DH Lawrence - Snake

War and Peace

- Rudyard Kipling - Recessional ('Lest we forget')
- A Death-Bed
- Isaac Rosenberg - Louse Hunting
- Keith Douglas - How to Kill

Narrative Verse

- Anonymous - The Wife of Usher's Well
- ST Coleridge - The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner

Comedy and Satire

- Jonathan Swift - The Lady's Dressing Room
- Lady Mary Wortley Montagu - The Reasons that Induced Dr. S. to Write a Poem
Called 'The Lady's Dressing Room'

People and Places

- Geoffrey Chaucer - from *The Canterbury Tales* - The Wife of Bath
- Walt Whitman - I Hear America Singing
- Emma Lazarus - The New Colossus
- Earl Birney - David



*Other poems will be added after the course starts.
Students are welcome to nominate their favourites.*

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