

Poets List

Choose one or choose a personal favorite not on this list – famous or obscure.

Suggestions of Poets for 2023/24 Poetry Workshop, Tuesdays at 12:15 on Zoom

Seamus Heaney, 1939 – 2013, Irish, 1995 Nobel laureate

Philip Larkin, 1922 – 1985, English

Carol-Anne Duffy, b. 1955, Scottish, Poet Laureate

Robert Lowell, 1917 – 1977, American

John Ashbery, 1927 – 2017, American

Elizabeth Bishop, 1911 – 1979, American

Mary Oliver, 1935 – 2019, American

Don Coles, 1927 – 2017, Canadian

Ted Hughes, 1930 – 1998, English, Poet Laureate

Sylvia Plath, 1932 – 1962, American

Irving Layton, 1912 – 2006, Canadian

Leonard Cohen, 1934 – 2016, Canadian

Bob Dylan, b. 1941, American, 2016 Nobel Laureate

Saadi Youssef, 1933 – 2021, Iraqi

Liu Xiaobo, 1955 – 2017, Chinese

Vikram Seth, b. 1952, Indian

Ijeoma Umebinyuo, b. 1980?, Nigerian

Al Purdy, 1918-2000, Canadian

Maya Angelou, 1928-2014, American

Anne Sexton, 1928-1974, American

Tomas Transtroemer, 1931-2015, Swedish, 2011 Nobel laureate
Derek Walcott, 1930-2017, St. Lucia (lived in Canada), 1992 Nobel laureate
Les Murray, 1938 – 2019, Australian
George Bowering, b. 1935, Canadian
Michael Ondaatje, b. 1943 in Sri Lanka/Cdn citizen
Louise Gluck, b. 1943, American, 2020 Nobel laureate
Pablo Neruda, 1904 – 1973, Chilean, 1971 Nobel Laureate
Eavan Boland, 1944-2020, Irish
Lorna Crozier, b. 1948, Canadian
Andrew Motion, b. 1953, British, Poet Laureate
Herta Mueller, 1953, Romanian, 2009 Nobel Laureate
Rita Dove, b. 1952, American
Susan Musgrave, b. 1951 in U.S./ Cdn citizen
Dionne Brand, b. 1958, Canadian
Frieda Hughes, b. 1960, English (daughter of Plath & Hughes)
Kaie Kellough, b. 1975, Canadian
Ocean Vuong, b. 1988 in Viet Nam, American
Gary Snyder, b 1930, American, Pulitzer Prize for Poetry
Delmore Schwartz, 1913-1966, American
David Wagoner, 1927-2021, American,
Margaret Atwood, b. 1939, Canadian
Theodore Roethke, 1908-1963, American