

THE WAREHAM FREE LIBRARY – APRIL “POETRY MONTH” CHALLENGE

Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? Poetry is a genre of literature in which the expression of feelings and ideas is emphasized by the use of distinctive sounds and rhythm.

Poetry is an important part of diverse cultures and is expressed in many different styles and forms. Poetry opens the door to other's experiences offering us a deeper understanding and empathy for the world around us. Reading poetry allows us to connect and find unity in our shared experiences, while writing poetry allows us to express our own thoughts in feelings.

So, if you want to relax and enjoy other people's poetry, or perhaps try writing a poem for yourself, the library has some wonderful resources in the world of poetry. Ask our librarians for their recommendations or feel free to browse Non-Fiction in the 811's for our collection of poetry titles.

THE CHALLENGE:

- **Read and/or write a poem a day for the month of April.**
- **If you read a poem - or collection of poems - or if you created an original work that you'd like to share, post the author/title or work on the WFL Facebook page in the comments section of the April Poetry post.**
- **We'll copy your suggestion(s)/works to this page to share with our viewers.**

Thank you in advance for your "outpouring" of creativity!

4.1.2025 (Love rain)

Plip, plop, plip rain falls.
Seeping, soaking earthen beds.
Waking seed and soil.

4.2.2025 (Osprey)

Piercing cries, fierce eyes.
Silhouettes of grey on blue.
Wheeling high above.

4.3.2025 (My bogs)

Sandy polygons
of rust-streaked burgundy swathes
heralding new growth.

4.4.2025 (New growth)

Anticipating
clear, blue skies and warmth,
green shoots dot dark earth.

4.5.2025 (Lichen)

Lichen spattered bark
blanched pale by greying shadows
tenebrous forest.

4.6.2025 (Easter apparel)

Wearing their spring best
fuzzy, furry, lime jackets
mossy rock and branch.

4.7.2025 (Paeon to the sun)

Awake, arise, shine.
Come you lovely golden orb
to warm winter hearts.

4.8.2025 (Forsythia)

A hint of green-gold
brightens tips of bare branches.
Spring's earliest blooms.

4.9.2025 (Budding joy)

Velvety catkins
in straight rows lining slick wands.
Pussy willows march.

4.10.2025 (Breakfast)

Across dew-drenched grass
hops rabbit, rabbit, rabbit
seeking tender greens.

4.11.2025 (Shine)

Oh glorious day!
Clear above, unlimited
visibility.

4.12.2025 (Challenge)

Yellow, pink and blue -
plentiful peeps (and bunnies)
causing much laughter.

4.13.2025 (Competition)

Grackles and Starlings
devouring scattered seed -
a greedy contest.

4.14.2025 (Clear)

Cloudless skies above
permit an unwavering
clarity of light.

4.15.2025 (Taxes!)

The clock is ticking.
The deadline is upon us!
It's time to file.

4.16.2025 (Partially sunny)

In, out, in, out, in...
the great fiery orb plays
hide-and-seek today.

4.17.2025

Bright and verdant green
thrusts up through the sidewalk cracks.
Hints of fragrant thyme.

4.18.2025

Rough surf & salt spray
presage stormy seas today.
Strong seamen only!

4.19.2025 (School's out)

2:15 p.m.
Avoid crosswalks by town hall.
Flight of the students!

4.20.2025 (Get outdoors!)

TGIF - Yay!
What's the forecast this weekend?
Sunny days ahead.

4.21.2025 (Easter joy)

Rejoice and renew.
Resurrect those garden tools
to welcome new life.

4.22.2025 (New boots)

Splishy, splashy feet.
Rain, rain don't go away,
one more puddle left!

4.25.2025 (Herring run)

Pale breast, gleaming eye,
gaze pinned to rushing waters.
The stalking osprey.

4.28.2025 (Hot)

It' so HOT in here!
Really? We haven't even
made it through springtime.

4.23.2025 (Windowpane)

Moisture-laden air
condenses on my window.
Drops racing downwards.

4.26.2025 (May I help you?)

Him: What do I do?
Me: What does it say to do?
Him: Oh, so I should...?

4.29.2025 (Mahjong)

Snick, click, flip, discard.
A sea of bams, craks, dots, winds
dragons and flowers.

4.24.2025 (Feasting flock)

Tweet, chirp, twitter, cheep.
Hungry birds chirrup in glee.
The feeder is full.

4.27.2025 (Kite runner)

Sketching the sky's breadth,
a ragged blue dragon's tail
fights against its leash.

4.30.2025 (Yay, May!)

Last day of the month.
April showers come & gone.
Merry May is near.