

Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry

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The perfect classic anthology of poetry for today's young readers.

A classic poetry anthology, *Knock at a Star* contains lively, interesting poems from the most beloved writers and poets of our time, past and present, including Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, Jack Prelutsky, Mary Ann Hoberman, and more!

This anthology contains special kinds of poetry, such as haikus, songs, and limerick, and discusses with the reader what poems can do: make you laugh, send messages, and teach you about images and rhythm.

A collection that is joyously assembled and will be joyously read!

Grade 3-7-With a greatly expanded collection of poems and new black-and-white pencil sketches, this revision (Little, Brown, 1985) will appeal to a whole new generation of readers.

Its approach to the genre will show children that poetry can be lighthearted, humorous, and fun. The anthologists start by asking, "What Do Poems Do?" The selections that follow are then organized in groups of those that can, "Make You Smile," "Start You Wondering," or "Help You Understand People." "What's Inside a Poem?" includes "Images," "Word Music," and "Word Play," and the chapter on "Special Kinds of Poetry" contains "Limericks," "Songs," and "Haiku." Comments introduce each section and are offered throughout the book. While plenty of the biggies in poetry are here (e.g., Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes, and Walt Whitman), lesser-known poets are showcased as well, including "Anonymous," who, after Shakespeare, "may be the second best poet in our language." An afterword provides suggestions for adults using poetry with groups. Whether read aloud or silently, this anthology has great child appeal.

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Child's Paper,

Let them knock . Dear motherless child , you who , thinking of your beloved parent in glory , and long- ing to go to her , are weeping because , like the child in my story , you " cannot get in , " kneel down and from your heart ask the ..."