

"We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race, and the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering – these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life, but poetry, beauty, romance, love --these are what we stay alive for."

– Mr. Keating,
Dead Poets Society

kidnap poem
– Nikki Giovanni

ever been kidnapped
by a poet
if i were a poet
i'd kidnap you
put you in my phrases and meter
you to jones beach
or maybe coney island
or maybe just to my house
lyric you in lilacs
dash you in the rain
blend into the beach
to complement my see
play the lyre for you
ode you with my love song
anything to win you
wrap you in the red Black green
show you off to mama
yeah if i were a poet i'd kid
nap you

Nothing Gold Can Stay
– Robert Frost
Nature's first green¹ is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

– Helen Keller

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
– Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark, and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

Persuade Them

- state your position clearly
- address the people you're trying to convince

▮ consider these points to convince your readers

Pride

Education

Responsibility

Safety

Unfairness

Appearance

Duty

Environment

Time

Health

Efficiency

Money