

# WORLD POETRY DAY

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In celebrating World Poetry Day, March 21, UNESCO recognizes the unique ability of poetry to capture the **creative spirit** of the human mind.”

“One of the main objectives of the Day is to support **linguistic diversity** through **poetic expression** and to offer **endangered languages** the opportunity to be heard within their communities.”

“...Encourage...oral tradition of poetry recitals, promote teaching of poetry,...so that poetry will no longer be considered an outdated form of art, but one which enables society as a whole to regain and **assert its identity**.”

(<http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/>)

21<sup>st</sup>

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# WHAT IS A POEM?

- Rhythmical
- Strict format
- About something profound



**WELL...IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE**



# POETRY IS..

- Art
- No restrictions
- 55 types of poem types
- Haiku (5-7-5)
- Free-verse (no set pattern)
- List
- Narrative (tells a story)
- Visual (texts, images and symbols)
- Spoken Word Poetry



# EXAMPLES OF POETRY



# LULLABIES BY LANG LEAV

“I still search for you in crowds,  
in empty fields and soaring clouds.  
In city lights and passing cars,  
on winding roads and wishing stars.”



# THE ROAD NOT TAKEN BY ROBERT FROST

Two roads diverged in a yellow  
wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I  
could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;  
Then took the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted  
wear;  
Though as for that the passing there

Had worn them really about the same,  
And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black.  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back.  
I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-  
**I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference**



# MATSUO BASHO (1644-1694) (HAIKU)

Autumn moonlight –  
a worm digs silently  
into the chestnut.

Old pond  
a frog jumps  
the sound of water



# THE SCRIBBLED STORIES

The  
Scribbled  
Stories

by Avnika

"My life could have been different today," she told herself everyday.

"If only you would have asked him the questions you never did," her brain shot back.

• snippet

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by Sahil Chatterjee

"Knock knock."

"Who's there?"

"Opportunity."

"Don't lie, it never knocks twice."

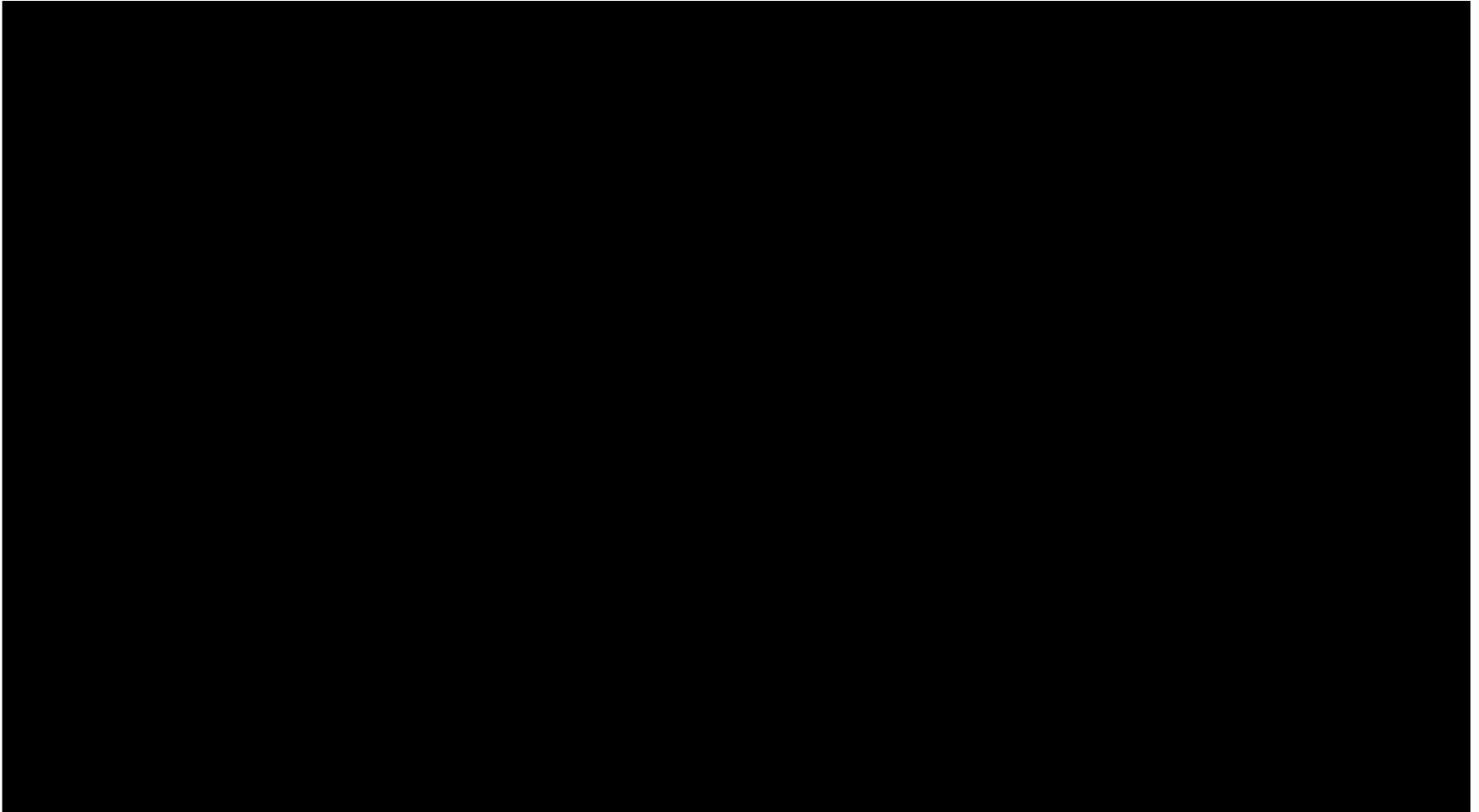
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# TOOTHBRUSH TO BICYCLE TYRE BY SARAH KAY

(SPOKEN WORD POETRY)



# POETRY IS SIMPLY

- What you want to say
- The emotions you would like to express
- About anything
- Anyway you want
- YOU



# OTHER DEFINITIONS OF POETRY



"Poetry is worth nothing and therefore priceless"  
~Lawrence Ferlinghetti

"[Poetry is] language so twisted and posed in a form  
that it not only expresses the matter in hand but  
adds to the available stock of reality"  
~ R.P. Blackmur

# DEAD POETS SOCIETY (MOVIE)

“Law, Business, these are all normal pursuits.”

“Poetry, Love, Romance, now that is what we stay alive for.”



# HOW TO WRITE A POEM?



# 1. CHOOSE ANY THREE WORDS YOU WANT

History

Empty

Vessel



## **2. MAKE A SENTENCE**

**Without History, one shall be an empty vessel.**



### **3. MAKE A STORY / ADD AN IMAGERY**

You have everything to fear

For without history, one shall be an empty vessel

And thus when the waves come, they shall do nothing  
but swallow you up



# WHY POETRY?

- A creative outlet to express your emotions
- Improves your writing
- Learn more about yourself



**TO HATE POETRY WOULD MEAN TO HATE LIFE  
AND ALL THAT IT HAS TO OFFER .**

