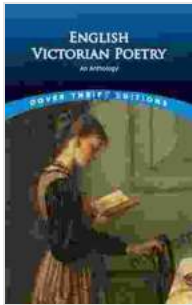


An Anthology of American and English Poetry from the Early Times to the Present Day

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This anthology is a comprehensive collection of poetry from the English-speaking world. It includes works from some of the most famous poets in history, such as William Shakespeare, John Milton, and Emily Dickinson. The anthology is divided into chronological sections, so readers can trace the development of English poetry from its earliest origins to the present day.

The anthology includes a wide range of poetic styles, from the traditional sonnets of Shakespeare to the free verse of Walt Whitman. It also includes a variety of themes, from love and loss to war and peace. The anthology is

a valuable resource for students of poetry, as well as for anyone who enjoys reading great literature.

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Sample Poems

Here are a few sample poems from the anthology:

"The Canterbury Tales" by Geoffrey Chaucer

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote
The droghte of March hath perced
to the roote, And bathed every veyne
in swich licour, Of which vertu
engendred is the flour; Whan Zephirus
eek with his swete breeth Inspired
hath in every holt and heeth
The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
Hath in the Ram his halfe cours yronne,
And smale foweles maken
melodye, That slepen al the nyght
with open eye, So priketh hem nature
in hir corages: Thanne longen folk
to goon on pilgrimages, And palmeres
for to seken straunge strondes,
To ferne halwes, kowthe in sondry londes;
And specially, from every shires ende
Of Engelond, to Canturbury they wende,

The holy blisful martir for to seke, That hem hath holpen, whan that they were seke.

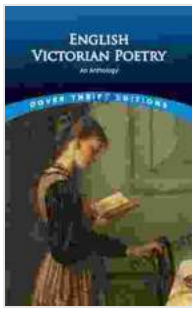
"Sonnet 18" by William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date: Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines, And often is his gold complexion dimm'd; And every fair from fair sometime declines, By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd; But thy eternal summer shall not fade, Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest; Nor shall Death brag thou wander'st in his shade, When in eternal lines to time thou growest: So long as men can breathe or eyes can see, So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

"Ode to a Nightingale" by John Keats

My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk, Or emptied some dull opiate to the drains One minute past, and Lethe-wards had sunk: 'Tis not through envy of thy happy lot, But being too happy in thine happiness,— That thou, light-winged Dryad of the trees, In some melodious plot Of beechen green, and shadows numberless, Singest of summer in full-throated ease.

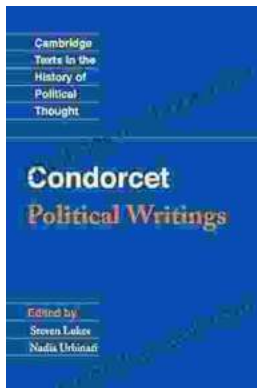
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