

# Poems for the Year

## September

*Keep A Poem In Your Pocket*  
By Beatrice Schenk de Regniers

Keep a poem in your pocket  
And a picture in your head  
And you'll never feel lonely  
At night when you're in bed.

The little poem will sing to you  
The little picture bring to you  
A dozen dreams to dance to you  
At night when you're in bed.

So - -

Keep a picture in your pocket  
And a poem in your head  
And you'll never feel lonely  
At night when you're in bed.



## October

*Mr. Nobody*  
Author: Unknown

I know a funny little man,  
As quiet as a mouse,  
Who does the mischief that is done  
In everybody's house!  
There's no one ever sees his face,  
And yet we all agree  
That every plate we break was  
cracked by Mr. Nobody

`Tis he who always tears our books,  
Who leaves the door ajar,  
He pulls the buttons from our shirts,  
And scatters pins afar;  
That squeaking door will always squeak  
For, prithee, don't you see,  
We leave the oiling to be done  
By Mr. Nobody

The finger marks upon the door  
By none of us are made;  
We never leave the blind unclosed,  
To let the curtains fade.  
The ink we never spill; the boots  
That lying round you see  
Are not our boots they all belong  
To Mr. Nobody.

## November

*I Thank Thee, Lord*

By Grace Easley

I thank, Thee, Lord, for autumn days,  
When there is stillness in the air,  
And blazing color paints the hills  
In splended beauty everywhere.

I thank Thee, Lord, for streams so clear,  
That looking down I see the sand;  
And forest creatures scurry forth  
Almost upon the spot I stand.

I thank Thee, Lord, for skies so blue,  
For purple grapes upon the vine,  
For golden corn within the fields  
On which I rest these eyes of mine.

I thank Thee, Lord, for stately pines  
Whose branches tower over all,  
Through which the breezes gently sway,  
And rays of morning sunlight fall.

There is no beauty in this world,  
In which You have not had a part;  
I thank Thee, Lord, for everything...  
And it is autumn in my heart!



## December

### Books of the Bible

#### Old Testament

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

1 Samuel

2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Job

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

#### New Testament

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

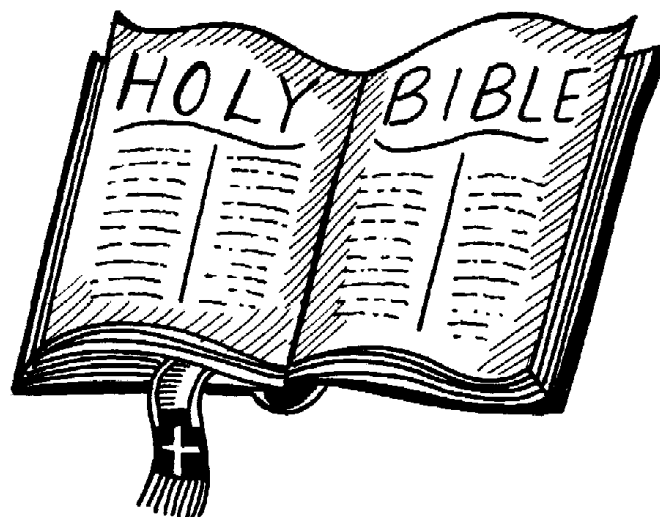
1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation



## January

### *The Secret*

By: Ralph S. Cushman

I met God in the morning  
When my day was at its best,  
And his presence came like sunrise  
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,  
All day long he stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,  
Other ships were sore distressed,  
But the winds that seemed to drive them  
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,  
With a keen remorse of mind,  
When I too had loosed the moorings,  
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,  
Learned from many a troubled way:

You must seek him in the morning  
If you want him through the day!

## February

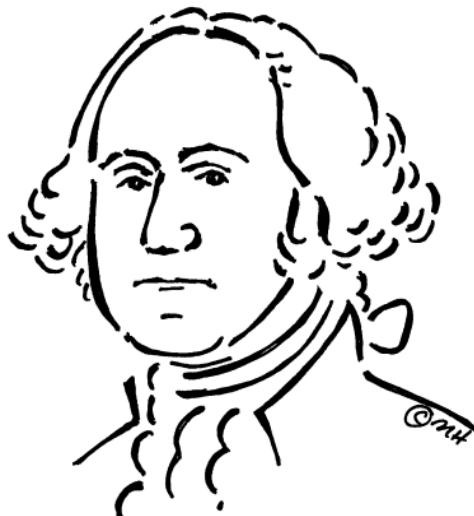
### *Washington*

By: Nancy Byrd Turner

He played by the river when he was young,  
He raced with rabbits along the hills,  
He fished for minnows, and climbed and swung,  
And hooted back at the whippoorwills.  
Strong and slender and tall he grew--  
And then, one morning, the bugles blew.

Over the hills the summons came,  
Over the river's shining rim.  
He said that the bugles called his name,  
He knew that his country needed him,  
And he answered, "Coming!" and marched away  
For many a night and many a day.

Perhaps when the marches were hot and long  
He'd think of the river flowing by  
Or, camping under the winter sky,  
Would hear the whippoorwill's far-off song.  
Boy or soldier, in peace or strife,  
He loved America all his life!



## March

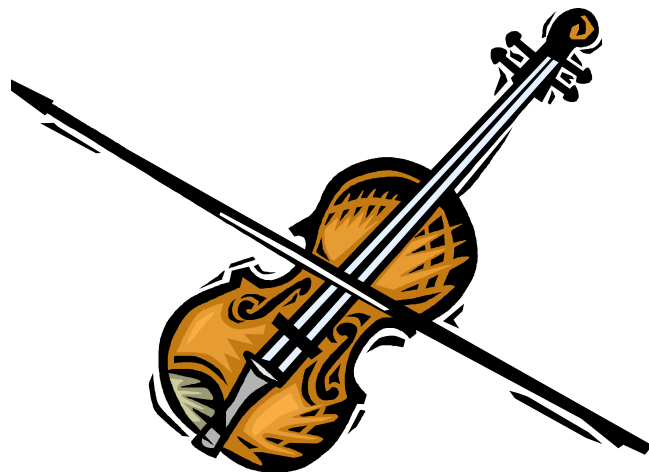
*The Touch of the Master's Hand*

By: Myra Brooks Welch

Tw'as battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin,  
but held it up with a smile; "What am I bidden, good folks," he cried,  
"Who'll start the bidding for me?" "A dollar, a dollar"; then two!" "Only  
two? Two dollars, and who'll make it three? Three dollars, once; three  
dollars twice; going for three." But no, from the room, far back, a  
gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust  
from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody  
pure and sweet as caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low,  
said; "What am I bid for the old violin?" And he held it up with the bow.  
A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make  
it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice, and going and  
gone," said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not  
quite understand what changed its worth." Swift came the reply: "The touch  
of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin, A  
"mess of pottage," a glass of wine; a game - and he travels on. "He is  
going" once, and "going twice, He's going and almost gone." But the Master  
comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul  
and the change that's wrought by the touch of the Master's hand.



## April

### *A Thought on Prayer*

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for being so near,  
Nearer than hands or feet.  
May my words be pleasing to your ear,  
And all my meditations be sweet.

May actions speak louder than words, dear Lord,  
That others may see in me  
A reflection of what we read in your word,  
Of all that a Christian should be.

May this be my purpose and goal in life,  
To let my light shine for you  
That others may glorify thee, dear Lord,  
And be drawn to follow you, too.



## May

### *It Couldn't Be Done*

By: Edgar A. guest

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But, he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a  
grin on his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever had done it";

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing he knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be  
done, There are thousands to prophesy  
failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you one  
by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "couldn't be done," and you'll do it.