

Bite-Sized Book Club

Week 1: Poetry

Saturday, July 12

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Poetry Selections:

The three poems for this week are from very different authors and periods but loosely share a common mood of bittersweet reflection on the state of the world and the changes brought by time. Whether you enjoy these poems or not, please come to our book club meeting to share your thoughts!

Suggested Reflection Questions:

- Which of these poems speaks most to you?
- Are there ideas that resonate with you?
- Is there a use of words or writing style that appeals to you?
- What stands out to you as memorable or interesting as you read these poems?
- These poems are from three very different eras: 1842, 1923, and 2016. Does this affect how you read or engage with these poems?
- Do you have a favorite poem that connects with these poems in some way?

Further Reading:

Available at Town Hall Library:

- *The Poems of Robert Frost* by Robert Frost (Call Number: 811.52 FRO)
- *You Could Make This Place Beautiful* by Maggie Smith (Call Number: 921 SMI)
- *Selected Poems of Alfred, Lord Tennyson* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (Call Number 821 TEN)

Available through Bridges Library System (Place Hold):

- *Robert Frost: A Biography* by Jeffrey Meyers
- *New England in Autumn: The Poetry of Robert Frost* (DVD)
- *Good Bones* by Maggie Smith
- *Keep Moving: Notes on Loss, Creativity, and Change* by Maggie Smith
- *Tennyson: To Strive, To Seek, To Find* by John Batchelor
- *Lives of the Poets* by Michael Schmidt
- And More!