



# NIGHT

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## Favorite Poem Readings By Folks We Know and Admire

<u>Poem</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Why It Is A Favorite</u>
<i>THE FIRST LINES OF EMAILS I'VE RECEIVED WHILE QUARANTINING</i>	Jessica Salfia	Serenity Richards	Cashiers NC	It's a snapshot of our culture that even while the world came to a stop and people were dying all over the globe, we're still bombarded with marketing. How quickly words of comfort, sympathy, solidarity became cliché.
<i>FOUR PRELUDES ON PLAYTHINGS OF THE WIND</i>	Carl Sandburg	William McReynolds	Sapphire NC	Like Shelley's Ozymandias, Sandburg's Four Preludes speaks of the arrogance and vulnerability of humankind. We call ourselves sapient, wise, while we bring about our own demise in acts of folly and destruction. Only the rats and lizards will remain.
<i>ROMANTICS</i>	Lisel Mueller	Ann Austin	Cashiers NC	Some years ago, I took up piano lessons again after 40 years or so hiatus, and became interested in learning more about the lives of the composers. This poem is about a love story between Johannes Brahms and Clara Schumann, wife of Robert Schumann.
<i>THE ANTI- SUFFRAGISTS, and WE AS WOMEN</i>	Charlotte Perkins Gilman	Carolyn Chabora	Cashiers NC	I've chosen these because of the 100th anniversary coming up of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Both of these poems are in Gilman's collections: In This Our World (1893) and Suffrage Songs and Verses (1911).

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<i>BLOWIN' IN THE WIND</i>	Bob Dylan	Marilyn Staats	Cashiers NC	This poem, as do 100 more of his poems, shows why he is the only songwriter ever to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. His words are as relevant today as they were during the upheavals of the 1960s.
<i>THE SPELL OF THE YUKON</i>	Robert W. Service	Ellen Greenwald	Boynton Beach FL	To me, this poem speaks to how an appreciation of land and nature can have a more lasting influence than chasing the accumulation of wealth, an appreciation that is somehow lacking today in too many places. And its imagery brought me right with the poet into the landscape, where I felt I knew what he was feeling.
<i>HANDS IN THE WIND</i>	Ted Kooser	Laura Hansen	Cashiers NC; Nashville TN	I like this poem because it demonstrates Kooser's ability to glean deep meaning and great emotional depth from a common place sight or event.
<i>JULY 1949</i>	Ron Rash	Linda McReynolds	Sapphire NC	Our local poet of renown takes us into the heart of a young woman reaching toward her future. He also depicts what life was like working in the fields and mills of North Carolina post WWII. And he evokes from the reader a deep emotional reaction.
<i>THEME FOR ENGLISH B</i>	Langston Hughes	Bonnie Zacher	Sapphire NC	I am a retired English teacher. I used to use this poem in class. It is appropriate for the nation wide discussion we are currently having about racism and equality.
<i>DOVER BEACH</i>	Mathew Arnold	Ethan Staats	Cashiers NC	Calming effect, beauty of words

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The Favorite Poem Project celebrates poetry in the lives of people from all walks of life and age groups within a single community. Over 1000 towns across our country have participated by holding poetry readings performed by local residents.

The Friends of the Library has presented Poetry Night - Favorite Poem Readings - since 2010. We gratefully acknowledge the vision of Marilyn Dorn Staats, who championed this event for many years, as a way for Cashiers area residents to share particular poems that have a strong personal meaning for them.

## Who are the Friends of the Library?

Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library are people from all walks of life who share a common belief that a good public library is a valuable community asset that must be nourished and supported. The organization supports and enriches the library through advocacy, fundraising and activities.



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