

# Who Reads Poetry?

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Poets get lost in the mix.

Novelists make millions.

Singers are adored.

Rock stars are treated as gods.

Movie stars get featured in Vogue magazine,  
But who reads poetry anymore?

They pour out their soul  
In this lost art form  
And scarcely get a pat on the back.

They bring into life  
Raw human emotion  
That most of us tuck deep inside.

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They may chance be studied  
Like Dickinson and Thoreau  
By students, long after they're gone.

But who reads poetry anymore?

Artists are gratified  
With self expression  
And paintings that hang on the wall.

While poets dive in  
To the core of their soul  
Just to touch that beyond the door.

So maybe it doesn't matter  
Who reads poetry anymore.