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## THE WORLDS NEED

# Kindness Ella Wheeler Wilcox

O many gods, so many creeds, So many paths that wind and wind, While just the art of being kind Is all the sad world needs.

## 'Fragment' a poem by Amy Lowell

What is poetry? Is it a mosaic
Of coloured stones which curiously are wrought
Into a pattern? Rather glass that's taught
By patient labor any hue to take
And glowing with a sumptuous splendor, make
Beauty a thing of awe; where sunbeams caught,
Transmuted fall in sheafs of rainbows fraught
With storied meaning for religion's sake.

"Some of us were born to greatness and some of us have it thrust upon us, but some of us choose to be more than what we might have been had we chosen mediocrity" -- Henry David Thoreau

My Turn To Sing By William Henley

This is not a song ever sung before

The words are new and fresh

The message came from a new source

And the voice you hear has never been heard before

This song's words are different than have ever been heard before

Some of the words have been said but have never had this meaning

Some of the lyrics have been sung but they were never group in this way

But most of the words are new

The words have meaning as never before

The words are being defined as they are spoken

They are words that may sound familiar but they were never said like this before

This is not a new song

Others have tried to sing it

Others have tried to write the words

Others have tried to make the meaning and the message work out

But this song is special

There is only one person that can sing it

And that person is me

For this is my song and it is my turn to sin

#### **Invictus**

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the Pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, And yet the menace of the years Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll. I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.

William Ernest Henley

## **FOG**

The fog comes on little cat feet.

It sits looking over harbor and city on silent haunches and then moves on. Carl Sandburg

# **Come slowly**

# poem by Emily Dickinson

Come slowly, Eden
Lips unused to thee.
Bashful, sip thy jasmines,
As the fainting bee,
Reaching late his flower,
Round her chamber hums,
Counts his nectars -alights,
And is lost in balms!

## **Eros**

## a poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson

The sense of the world is short,

Long and various the report,

To love and be beloved;

Men and gods have not outlearned it,

And how oft soe'er they've turned it,

'Tis not to be improved.

#### it is at moments after i have dreamed

### by e.e. cummings

it is at moments after i have dreamed of the rare entertainment of your eyes, when (being fool to fancy) i have deemed with your peculiar mouth my heart made wise; at moments when the glassy darkness holds the genuine apparition of your smile (it was through tears always) and silence moulds such strangeness as was mine a little while; moments when my once more illustrious arms are filled with fascination, when my breast wears the intolerant brightness of your charms: one pierced moment whiter than the rest -turning from the tremendous lie of sleep i watch the roses of the day grow deep.

# Morning at the window a poem by T S Eliot

Morning at the Window
They are rattling breakfast plates in basement kitchens,
And along the trampled edges of the street
I am aware of the damp souls of housemaids
Sprouting despondently at area gates.

The brown waves of fog toss up to me Twisted faces from the bottom of the street, And tear from a passer-by with muddy skirts An aimless smile that hovers in the air And vanishes along the level of the roofs.

# The Sight

By Sanchi

And this is the knowin' of it There is the ones what were born for greatness There is the ones what was born to exist There was the ones what made a difference And the ones what watched 'em do it. And this is the believin' of it all There is the ones they all believed in There is the ones which just could barely do the knowin' There is the ones that doubt it all And there is the ones what soared with the eagles That had the knowin' and believin' in 'em And this is the sights they did the seein' on They is the ones what we all knew was great and sees it They is the ones what made us believe in the impossible They is the ones that made a difference And this ones is in you Believe in who you is

Know what you is capable of

And have the sight to see that this world's needs

Rest in ones like you