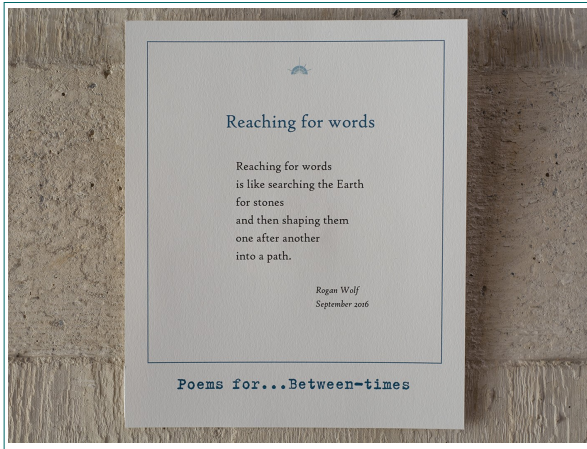




Poems for...the wall

<https://poemsforthewall.org>



Poem on display as part of an exhibition of "Poems on... the wall" in Clifton Cathedral, Spring 2019.

"...it seems to be an important thing, at least to me, ... to know that the poem-posters on my class-room wall are also on walls around the world."

**Gareth Evans, Shanghai, China,
teaching English**

This "Poems for...the wall" project offers poem-posters free of charge for public display, in hard copy or on digital screen.

Founded in 1997, under the supervision of the UK Poetry Society, it has supplied poems to thousands of schools, hospitals and health centres in the UK and across the world.

The total number of poem-posters presently available is almost 300 and growing. They can be down-loaded, either singly or collectively, from the project's web-site.

"Your idea's a wonderful one....a deeply human, very profound return to the essential meaning and role of poetry. I'm honoured to have been part of it."

**Fiona Sampson
poet and editor**

"The bilingual poems are an excellent piece of work...we have the chance here to open people's lives to each other."

David Hart, poet and ex-priest,

The Collections Available

"Poems for...Waiting" was designed for display in NHS waiting rooms and consists of 50 especially commissioned poems, each on the subject of waiting.

"Poems for...All ages" consists of 50 favourites old and new, including poems for young children.

"Poems for...One World" was begun in 2004, when the Foreign Office helped to fund ten bilingual poems to celebrate the 2004 EU Enlargement. A year later, a larger bilingual collection totalling 45 poems was launched by Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate of that time. In 2010, a further 60 poems were added, most of them bilingual, followed early in 2013 by 6 Burmese poems. This brought the number of languages represented in the collection to more than 50, ranging from Arabic to Vietnamese.

"Poems for...Self at sea," a collection on mental disturbance, and "Poems for Bridges to Learning Disability" were launched in 2016.

"Poems for...Rising Ten" was launched and uploaded in 2022. The collection consists of 25 poems for children around ten years old. Each poem is accompanied by original art work.

All these collections are available on the project's web-site. For its address, see above.

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*"This is an inspired scheme...
I've been delighted to be part of it."*

**Andrew Motion
UK Poet Laureate, 1999-2009**