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POEM OF A LIFE

A biography

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Short Poems About Life. Life changes in every second We never know what will happen We smile We cry We win We lose It turn around so quickly That's why life is a subtly puzzle! Strong wind or friendly breeze Hard rain and little drizzles Burning rays of sun or cool moonlight Add so much wonder to our life We come We go We arrived And we departure from the world In this little we live Amidst Birth and Death. " The Roller Coaster Life " We are just in a whole crazy, Perplexing roller coaster ride; When we have problems, We are at the downside. " Life Is Precious " The gracefulness of a butterfly, how gentle, and fragile they seem. Gently fluttering, on a calm summers day, floating like, a dream. But sadly, their time is over, Hardly before it's begun. Great poetry manages to express the very essence of its subject " and when it comes to life, that's quite the challenge. To capture something that is so varied, but that binds us together as brothers and sisters in arms takes real skill and craft. Luckily for us, the best poets through the ages have penned many a classic and beautiful verse to help us understand " nay decipher " life in all its glory. Here are 10 of the most deep and meaningful poems about life. Some long, some short, some famous, some less so. If viewing on a mobile device, we recommend turning the screen landscape to ensure correct formatting of each poem as you read it. 1. A Psalm of Life by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. This rhyming poem is the spark that can reignite the fires within you. This is a list of the most famous and popular poems on life and poems about life. 100 Best Life Poems. 100 Best Life poems. This is a list of the most famous and popular poems on life and poems about life. A Country Life by Randall Jarrell. A Former Life by Charles Baudelaire. A life by Sylvia Plath. A Life-Lesson by James Whitcomb Riley. A Man In His Life by Yehuda Amichai. Life Poems - Popular examples of all types of life poetry to share and read. View a list of new poems for LIFE by modern poets. Read and share beautiful poems about life's experiences, struggles, fun, adventure, and journey. Life poetry conveys a point in time that has had an impact on us. This list of new poems is composed of the works of modern poets on PoetrySoup. Read short, long, best, and famous examples of life poems. Search Life Poems: Exact Phrase Any Word All Words. A Need Hidden By A Shadow. A need that is hidden by a shadow shouldn't allow anybody to stoop low. My search for the truth leads me to a discovery: the longing for a shiny light, the yearning for God is felt at times of...Read More. © Andrew Crisci.