

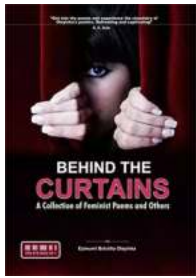
# The Empowering Collection: Feminist Poems And Others That Inspire Change

Poetry has always been a powerful medium for expressing emotions, ideas, and opinions. Throughout history, poets have used their words to shed light on social issues and advocate for change. In this collection of feminist poems and others, we explore the works of influential poets who have challenged societal norms, championed gender equality, and fought for women's rights.



## 1. "Still I Rise" - Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou, an iconic figure of the feminist movement, embodied resilience and strength in her poetry. In "Still I Rise," she celebrates the indomitable spirit of women who rise above adversity, discrimination, and historical oppression. The poem's powerful lines echo a sense of empowerment and encourage all women to embrace their inner strength.



## Behind the Curtains: A Collection of Feminist Poems and Others by Tiago Lameiras(Kindle Edition)



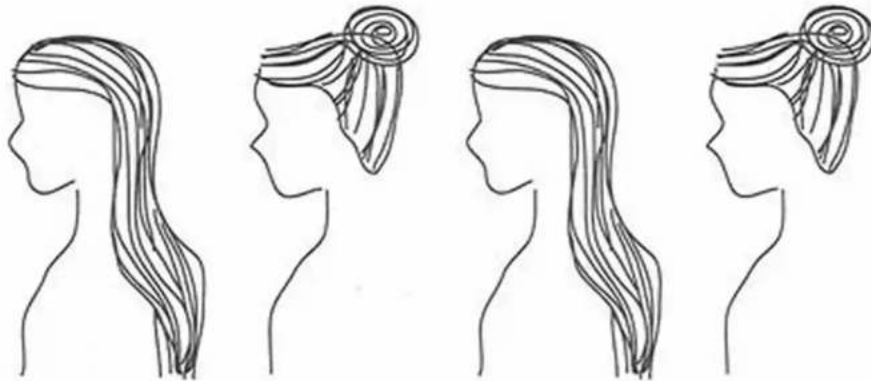
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## 2. "Phenomenal Woman" - Maya Angelou

i like the way the stretch marks  
on my thighs look human and  
that we're so soft yet  
rough and jungle wild  
when we need to be  
i love that about us  
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how unafraid we are of breaking  
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calling myself  
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makes me utterly whole  
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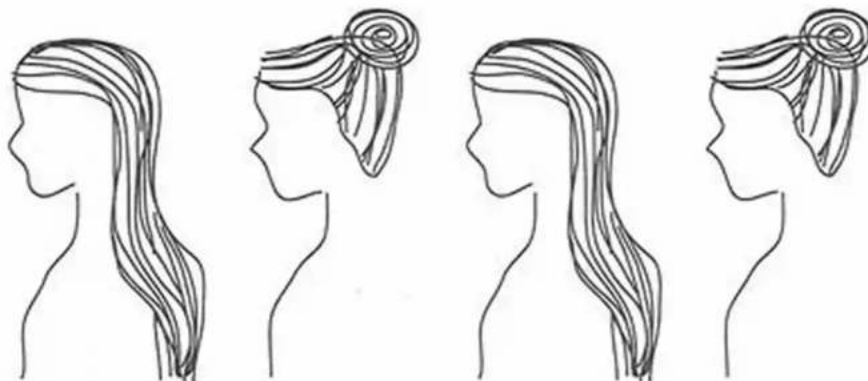
Another remarkable piece by Maya Angelou, "Phenomenal Woman," celebrates the essence and beauty of women, irrespective of conventional standards. Through her words, she challenges societal expectations and emphasizes self-confidence, self-worth, and self-love. This poem continues to inspire women worldwide to embrace their uniqueness and unapologetically be themselves.

### 3. "The Summer Day" - Mary Oliver

Mary Oliver's poem, "The Summer Day," invites readers to reflect on their purpose in life and the importance of being observant, curious, and independent. Although not explicitly feminist, Oliver's poetic exploration of one's place in the world resonates with the feminist spirit of self-discovery, self-acceptance, and breaking societal boundaries.

### 4. "Phenomenal Woman" - Audre Lorde

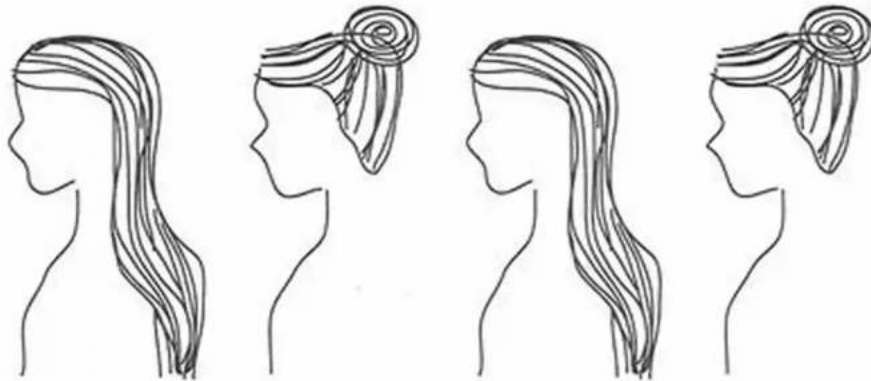
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Audre Lorde, a prominent feminist poet and civil rights activist, wrote "Phenomenal Woman" as a celebration of the multifaceted experiences and identities of women. This poem underscores the importance of self-love and self-acceptance in the face of societal pressures. Through her words, Lorde encourages women to recognize and celebrate their inherent worth and beauty.

## **5. "Diving into the Wreck" - Adrienne Rich**

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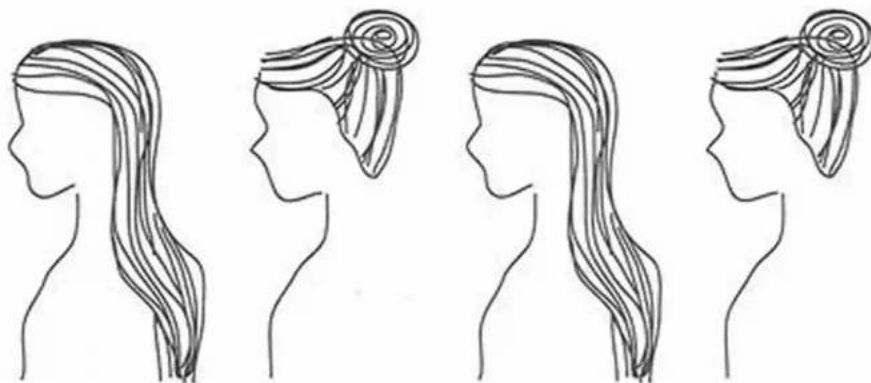
Adrienne Rich's "Diving into the Wreck" is a seminal feminist poem that delves into gender roles, power dynamics, and the search for personal and collective truth. Rich's powerful metaphors and poignant imagery take the readers on a journey of self-discovery, challenging societal norms, and embracing individual agency.

## 6. "A Litany for Survival" - Audre Lorde

Audre Lorde's "A Litany for Survival" is a powerful call to action against all forms of oppression. This poem serves as a reminder that the fight for gender equality is intertwined with the broader struggle for justice and liberation. Lorde's inspiring words ignite a sense of responsibility and empowerment in the reader, urging them to stand up, speak out, and effect positive change.

## 7. "Still Can't Write My History" - Warsan Shire

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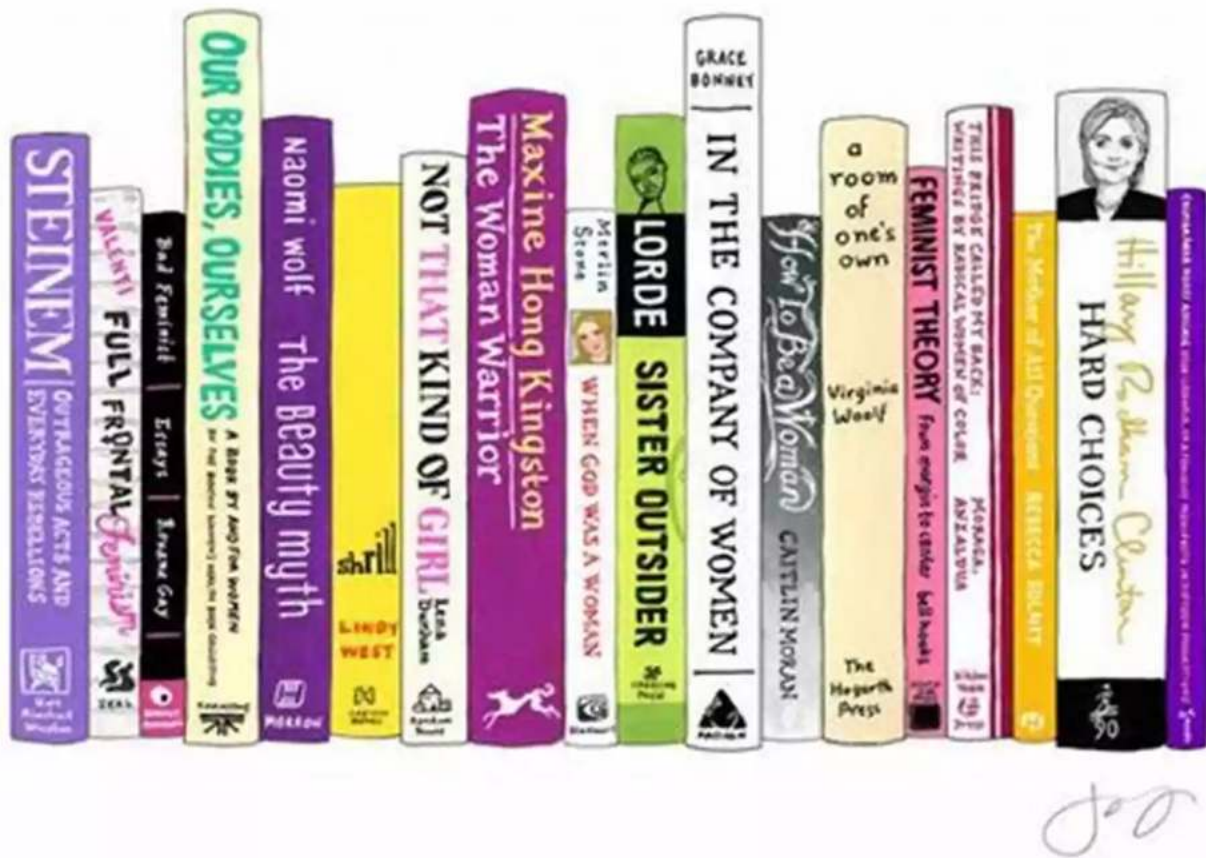


Warsan Shire, a contemporary poet, captures the experiences of immigrant women, refugees, and marginalized communities in her deeply moving poetry. In "Still Can't Write My History," Shire sheds light on the struggles and resilience of those living on the margins of society. Through her words, she challenges the erasure of their narratives and demands recognition and equality.

## **8. "Poem About My Rights" - June Jordan**

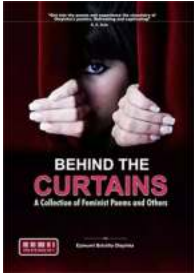
June Jordan's "Poem About My Rights" is a poignant and powerful statement against patriarchal oppression and systemic racism. This poem embodies the feminist spirit of resistance and resilience, demanding justice and equality for all. Jordan's words resonate with readers, calling them to action and inspiring them to fight for a more inclusive and just society.





These feminist poems and others in this empowering collection symbolize the strength, resilience, and determined spirit of women in their continuous pursuit of equality. Through poetry, these incredible poets challenge the status quo, uplift voices that have been silenced, and inspire change in society. Their words serve as beacons of hope, encouraging women to rise above societal expectations, embrace their unique identities, and advocate for a better future.

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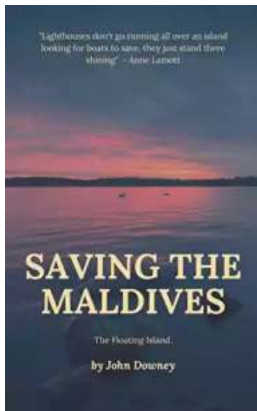
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Behind the Curtains is a unique first collection that brings poems with a common purpose together, a feature not often associated with first books of poetry. It gives a daring, consistent and fresh voice to the agony of the woman as victim and asserts the primacy of oneness to marital union. While the poems threaten radical responses to the infractions of the man, they equally project an unmistakable Christian outlook, which we may read as either tempering or negating their anger.

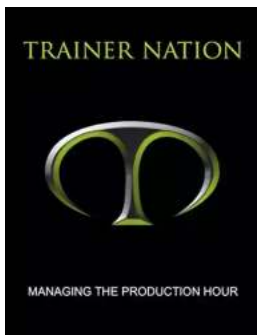
The poems invite us to rethink received models for reading the relationship between men and women. They exude an emotional consistency that suggests that the poet has invested a great deal of imagination in capturing the agony of the traumatised woman. Most importantly, they assert the woman's right to be loved: "She's not asking for much/All she asks for is love/But he makes it a zone inaccessible/She blesses his soul/He stabs her heart in return/Hating her with a passion ("All She Asks For"). If an awareness of unequal exchange runs through most of the poems, there is also the exciting way in which they present the wholesomeness and legitimacy of marital intimacy, thereby recreating the Edenic ideal that the collection appears to project as model. In all, Behind the Curtains is at once a fearless confrontation with an evil and an impressive advocacy for underdogs, which, ironically, ends up making the voice of only one party to

the conflict audible. All the same, in both substance and rendering, this is a remarkable outing of a promising and readable poet.



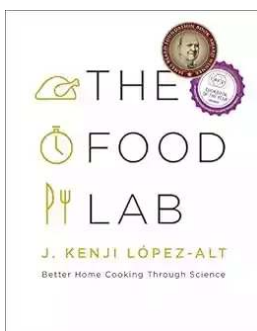
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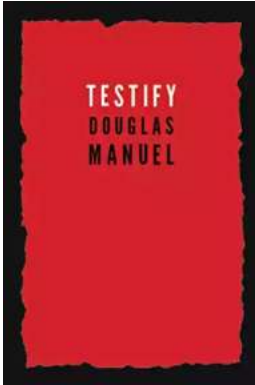
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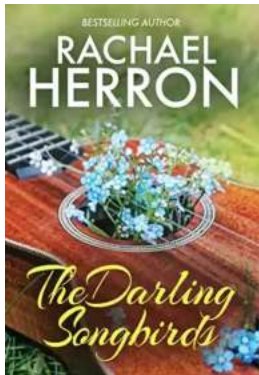
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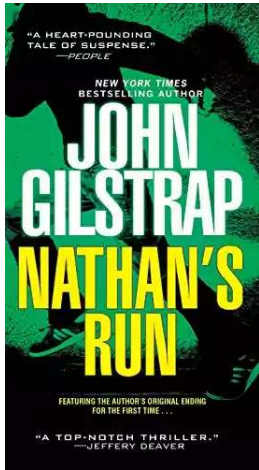
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