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This is the light of the mind, cold and planetary
The trees of the mind are black. The light is blue. The grasses
unload their griefs on my feet as if I were God
Prickling my ankles and murmuring of their humility
Fumy, spiritous mists inhabit this place. Separated from my house by a row of headstones. I simply cannot see where
there is to get to. The moon is no door. It is a face in its own right, White as a knuckle and terribly upset. It
drags the sea after it like a dark crime; it is quiet With the O-gape of complete despair. Twice on Sunday, the
bells startle the sky Eight great tongues affirming the Resurrection At the end, they soberly bong out their
names. The yew tree points up, it has a Gothic shape. The eyes lift after it and find the moon. The moon is my
mother. She is not sweet like Mary. Her blue garments unloose small bats and owls. How I would like to
believe in tenderness The face of the effigy, gentled by candles, Bending, on me in particular, its mild eyes. I
have fallen a long way. Clouds are flowering Blue and mystical over the face of the stars Inside the church, the
saints will all be blue, Floating on their delicate feet over the cold pews, Their hands and faces stiff with
holiness. The moon sees nothing of this. She is bald and wild. So we could rave on, darling, you and I, until
the stars tick out a lullaby about each cosmic pro and con; nothing changes, for all the blazing of our drastic
jargon, but clock hands that move implacably from twelve to one. We raise our arguments like sitting ducks to
knock them down with logic or with luck and contradict ourselves for fun; the waitress holds our coats and we
put on the raw wind like a scarf; love is a faun who insists his playmates run. Now you, my intellectual
leprechaun, would have me swallow the entire sun like an enormous oyster, down the ocean in one gulp: The
moon leans down to took; the tilting fish in the rare river wink and laugh; we lavish blessings right and left
and cry hello, and then hello again in deaf churchyard ears until the starlit stiff graves all carol in reply. Tell
now, we taunq where black or white begins and separate the flutes from violins: So we shall walk barefoot on
walnut shells of withered worlds, and stamp out puny hells and heavens till the spirits squeak surrender: Then
jet the blue tent topple, stars rain down, and god or void appall us till we drown in our own tears: Leaving
Early Lady, your room is lousy with flowers. I forget you, hearing the cut flowers Sipping their liquids from
assorted pots, Pitchers and Coronation goblets Like Monday drunkards. The milky berries Bow down, a local
constellation, Toward their admirers in the tabletop: Mobs of eyeballs looking up. The red geraniums I know.
They stink of armpits And the invovled maladies of autumn, Musky as a lovebed the morning after. My
nostrils prickle with nostalgia. They tow old water thick as fog. The roses in the Toby jug Gave up the ghost
last night. Their yellow corsets were ready to split. You snored, and I heard the petals unlatch, Tapping and
ticking like nervous fingers. You should have junked them before they died. Daybreak discovered the bureau
lid Littered with Chinese hands. In the mirror their doubles back them up. Fine flour Muffles their bird feet:
And you doze on, nose to the wall. This mizzle fits me like a sad jacket. How did we make it up to your attic?
You handed me gin in a glass bud vase. We slept like stones. Lady, what am I doing With a lung full of dust
and a tongue of wood, Knee-deep in the cold swamped by flowers?

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Chapter 2 : The Collected Poems by Sylvia Plath

*Sylvia Plath was born in Massachusetts. Her books include the poetry collections *The Colossus*, *Crossing the Water*, *Winter Trees*, *Ariel*, and *Collected Poems*, which won the Pulitzer Prize.*

Sylvia Plath , - You do not do, you do not do Any more, black shoe In which I have lived like a foot For thirty years, poor and white, Barely daring to breathe or Achoo. Daddy, I have had to kill you. You died before I had timeâ€” Marble-heavy, a bag full of God, Ghastly statue with one gray toe Big as a Frisco seal And a head in the freakish Atlantic Where it pours bean green over blue In the waters off beautiful Nauset. I used to pray to recover you. In the German tongue, in the Polish town Scraped flat by the roller Of wars, wars, wars. But the name of the town is common. My Polack friend Says there are a dozen or two. So I never could tell where you Put your foot, your root, I never could talk to you. The tongue stuck in my jaw. It stuck in a barb wire snare. Ich, ich, ich, ich, I could hardly speak. I thought every German was you. And the language obscene An engine, an engine Chuffing me off like a Jew. A Jew to Dachau, Auschwitz, Belsen. I began to talk like a Jew. I think I may well be a Jew. The snows of the Tyrol, the clear beer of Vienna Are not very pure or true. With my gipsy ancestress and my weird luck And my Taroc pack and my Taroc pack I may be a bit of a Jew. I have always been scared of you, With your Luftwaffe, your gobbledygoo. And your neat mustache And your Aryan eye, bright blue. Every woman adores a Fascist, The boot in the face, the brute Brute heart of a brute like you. You stand at the blackboard, daddy, In the picture I have of you, A cleft in your chin instead of your foot But no less a devil for that, no not Any less the black man who Bit my pretty red heart in two. I was ten when they buried you. At twenty I tried to die And get back, back, back to you. I thought even the bones would do. But they pulled me out of the sack, And they stuck me together with glue. And then I knew what to do. I made a model of you, A man in black with a Meinkampf look And a love of the rack and the screw. And I said I do, I do. Daddy, you can lie back now. They are dancing and stamping on you. They always knew it was you. Sylvia Plath The author of several collections of poetry and the novel *The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath is often singled out for the intense coupling of violent or disturbed imagery with the playful use of alliteration and rhyme in her work.

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Chapter 3 : Daddy by Sylvia Plath - Poems | Academy of American Poets

Pulitzer Prize winner Sylvia Plath's complete poetic works, edited and introduced by Ted Hughes. By the time of her death on 11, February, Sylvia Plath had written a large bulk of poetry.

He had become ill shortly after a close friend died of lung cancer. She wrote to her mother, "The world is splitting open at my feet like a ripe, juicy watermelon". She edited *The Smith Review* and during the summer after her third year of college was awarded a coveted position as guest editor at *Mademoiselle* magazine, during which she spent a month in New York City. She was furious at not being at a meeting the editor had arranged with Welsh poet Dylan Thomas – a writer whom she loved, said one of her boyfriends, "more than life itself. A few weeks later, she slashed her legs to see if she had enough "courage" to commit suicide. Plath seemed to make a good recovery and returned to college. In January, she submitted her thesis, *The Magic Mirror: At Newnham*, she studied with Dorothea Krook, whom she held in high regard. I happened to be at Cambridge. I was sent there by the [US] government on a government grant. Then we saw a great deal of each other. Ted came back to Cambridge and suddenly we found ourselves getting married a few months later. We kept writing poems to each other. Then it just grew out of that, I guess, a feeling that we both were writing so much and having such a fine time doing it, we decided that this should keep on. The sun rises under the pillar of your tongue. My hours are married to shadow. No longer do I listen for the scrape of a keel On the blank stones of the landing. Plath returned to Newnham in October to begin her second year. She found it difficult to both teach and have enough time and energy to write [18] and in the middle of, the couple moved to Boston. Plath took a job as a receptionist in the psychiatric unit of Massachusetts General Hospital and in the evening sat in on creative writing seminars given by poet Robert Lowell also attended by the writers Anne Sexton and George Starbuck. She openly discussed her depression with Lowell and her suicide attempts with Sexton, who led her to write from a more female perspective. Plath began to conceive of herself as a more serious, focused poet and short-story writer. Merwin, who admired their work and was to remain a lifelong friend. Plath says that it was here that she learned "to be true to my own weirdnesses", but she remained anxious about writing confessionally, from deeply personal and private material. Nicholas was born in January Hughes was immediately struck with the beautiful Assia, as she was with him. In July, Plath discovered Hughes had been having an affair with Assia Wevill and in September the couple separated. William Butler Yeats once lived in the house, which bears an English Heritage blue plaque for the Irish poet. Plath was pleased by this fact and considered it a good omen. The northern winter of 1955 was one of the coldest in years; the pipes froze, the children – now two years old and nine months – were often sick, and the house had no telephone. Her only novel, *The Bell Jar*, was released in January, published under the pen name Victoria Lucas, and was met with critical indifference. John Horder, her general practitioner GP [34] and a close friend who lived near her. She described the current depressive episode she was experiencing; it had been ongoing for six or seven months. Knowing she was at risk alone with two young children, he says he visited her daily and made strenuous efforts to have her admitted to a hospital; when that failed, he arranged for a live-in nurse. Commentators have argued that because antidepressants may take up to three weeks to take effect, her prescription from Horder would not have taken full effect. Upon arrival, she could not get into the flat, but eventually gained access with the help of a workman, Charles Langridge. They found Plath dead of carbon monoxide poisoning with her head in the oven, having sealed the rooms between her and her sleeping children with tape, towels and cloths. Some have suggested that Plath had not intended to kill herself. That morning, she asked her downstairs neighbor, a Mr. Thomas, what time he would be leaving. She also left a note reading "Call Dr. Therefore, it is argued Plath turned on the gas at a time when Mr. Thomas would have been able to see the note. Horder also believed her intention was clear. He stated that "No one who saw the care with which the kitchen was prepared could have interpreted her action as anything but an irrational compulsion. What did I know about chronic clinical depression? And that was not something I could do. Hughes was devastated; they

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had been separated six months. The rest is posthumous. After each defacement, Hughes had the damaged stone removed, sometimes leaving the site unmarked during repair. But I learned my lesson early. In general, my refusal to have anything to do with the Plath Fantasia has been regarded as an attempt to suppress Free Speech [Where that leaves respect for the truth of her life and of mine , or for her memory, or for the literary tradition, I do not know. The daughter of Plath and Hughes, Frieda Hughes , is a writer and artist. On March 16, , Nicholas Hughes , the son of Plath and Hughes, hanged himself at his home in Fairbanks , Alaska, following a history of depression. Later at Cambridge, she wrote for the University publication, Varsity. Crossing the Water is full of perfectly realised works. Its most striking impression is of a front-rank artist in the process of discovering her true power. Plath was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, posthumously.

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Chapter 5 : Formats and Editions of A concordance to The collected poems of Sylvia Plath [www.nxgvision.com]

For a good edition of Plath's poems, we recommend the Collected Poems. Sylvia Plath also features in our pick of the best birthday poems, our favourite poems about walking, and these classic poems about fathers and fatherhood.

To my knowledge, she never scrapped any of her poetic efforts. With one or two exceptions, she brought every piece she worked on to some final form acceptable to her, rejecting at most the odd verse, or a false head or a false tail. Her attitude to her verse was artisan-like: The end product for her was not so much a successful poem, as something that had temporarily exhausted her ingenuity. So this book contains not merely what verse she saved, but-after all she wrote. Had she had the chance to develop that style, she likely would have fulfilled her early promise and published several daring volumes. Only Byron may be as difficult in separating the personality from the work, and with him we at least have a good bit of time since the works were actually written. I half-wonder if anybody can really be objective about her work. Her suicide date is celebrated. Every word she wrote is put through the lens of her suicide. Hemingway committed suicide too, but if I recall correctly people celebrate his LIFE and not his death. Actually I have no problems with her--just her fans I find irritating. Her work is good, and not about suicide or sad things at all. The best way to read her, IMHO is to pretend you know nothing of the woman and get over the obsession with tacking every poem to her biography. Poems are meant to be free. If you want her life story read her diary. I do think part of it is that Sylvia becomes a friend if you go through some of the same stuff she did. Any famous person who shares your condition does. Part of why I keep reading. Having her all together like this, including juvenilia, is a lesson, especially as her life was so short. My favorite poem is below in it is below: I Am Vertical But I would rather be horizontal. I am not a tree with my root in the soil Sucking up minerals and motherly love So that each March I may gleam into leaf, Nor am I the beauty of a garden bed Attracting my share of Ahs and spectacularly painted, Unknowing I must soon unpetal. Tonight, in the infinitesimal light of the stars, The trees and the flowers have been strewing their cool odors. I walk among them, but none of them are noticing. Sometimes I think that when I am sleeping I must most perfectly resemble them -- Thoughts gone dim. It is more natural to me, lying down. Then the sky and I are in open conversation, And I shall be useful when I lie down finally: Then the trees may touch me for once, and the flowers have time for me. Related Books of "The Collected Poems ".

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Sylvia Plath's poetry is about all of these things, but also about everything else, and I have always been fascinated by this woman who has been dead for almost 50 years. She is notorious for many things, her honesty, her imagery, and the way she took her own I am fascinated by insanity, instability, depression.

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