**Observations About Poetry Sheet**

“A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.”  
– Robert Frost

“…the best words in the best order.”  
– Samuel Taylor Coleridge

“Poetry is the most direct and simple means of expressing oneself in word.”  
– Northrup Frye

“Poetry is the universal language…”  
– William Hazlitt

“Poetry is like making a joke. If you get one word wrong at the end of a joke, you’ve lost the whole thing.”  
– William Stanley Merwin

“Poetry is as precise a thing as geometry.”  
– Gustave Flaubert

“Poetry is above all a concentration of the power of language, which is the power of our ultimate relationship to everything in the universe.”  
– Adrienne Rich

“Poetry is the doorway to the soul.”  
– Floria

“Poetry is the silent voice that is heard everywhere inside of us…”  
– Unknown

“Words written in verse may speak volumes when those spoken do not.”  
– Caressia Combs

“Poetry is either something that lives like fire inside you—like music to the musician or Marxism to the Communist—or else it is nothing…”  
– F. Scott Fitzgerald

“Poetry…is…a speaking picture, with this end: to teach and delight.”  
– Sir Philip Sydney

“If I read a book and it makes my whole body so cold no fire can ever warm me, I know it is poetry. If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know this is poetry. These are the only ways I know it. Is there any other way?”  
– Emily Dickinson

“Poetry is important. No less than science, it seeks a hold upon reality, and the closeness of its approach is the test of its success.”  
– Babette Deutsch

“Poetry is emotion put into measure. The emotion must come by nature, but the measure can be acquired by art.”  
– Thomas Hardy