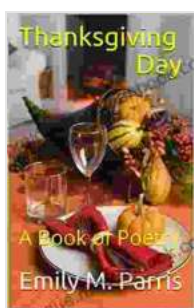


# Thanksgiving Day: A Celebration of Gratitude, Family, and Poetry

Thanksgiving Day is a time-honored tradition that brings people together to celebrate the harvest and express gratitude for the blessings in our lives. It is a day to gather with family and friends, share a delicious meal, and reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. Poetry has long been a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the spirit of this special day.

## The History of Thanksgiving Day

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 by the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The Pilgrims had recently arrived in the New World and were struggling to survive. The Wampanoag Indians helped them to learn how to grow crops and hunt for food. In gratitude for their help, the Pilgrims invited the Wampanoag Indians to a feast to celebrate the harvest.



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Thanksgiving Day became an annual tradition in the United States in 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Since then, Thanksgiving Day has been a time for families and friends to come together and give thanks for all the good things in their lives.

## **Poetry and Thanksgiving Day**

Poetry has long been a way to express our gratitude and celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving Day. From the earliest days of the holiday, poets have written verses to give thanks for the harvest, the blessings of family and friends, and the simple joys of life.

Some of the most famous Thanksgiving Day poems include:

- "Over the River and Through the Wood" by Lydia Maria Child
- "Thanksgiving" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- "The Pumpkin" by John Greenleaf Whittier
- "Thanksgiving Day" by Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "A Thanksgiving Prayer" by Robert Frost

These poems capture the essence of Thanksgiving Day, with its themes of gratitude, family, and togetherness. They remind us to be thankful for all the good things in our lives, and to cherish the time we have with our loved ones.

## **How to Use Poetry to Celebrate Thanksgiving Day**

There are many ways to use poetry to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. You can read poems aloud at your Thanksgiving dinner table, share them with your friends and family, or use them to create your own Thanksgiving traditions.

Here are a few ideas for how to use poetry to celebrate Thanksgiving Day:

- Read a Thanksgiving poem aloud at your Thanksgiving dinner table.
- Share a Thanksgiving poem with your friends and family.
- Create a Thanksgiving poetry anthology.
- Write your own Thanksgiving poem.
- Attend a Thanksgiving poetry reading.

No matter how you choose to use poetry to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it is a wonderful way to express your gratitude and share the spirit of the holiday with others.

Thanksgiving Day is a time to reflect on our blessings, gather with loved ones, and share in a feast of gratitude. Poetry has long been a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the spirit of this special day. By using poetry to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we can deepen our appreciation for the holiday and create lasting memories with our loved ones.

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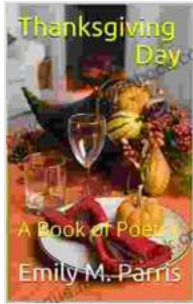
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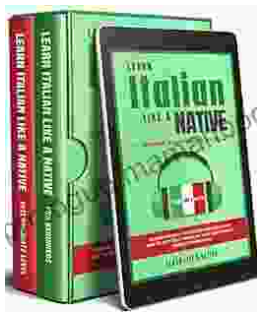
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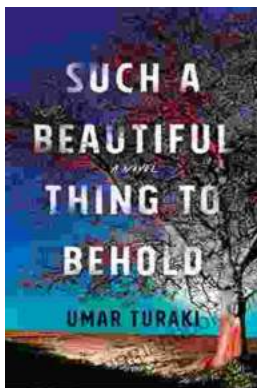


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