

TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY

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Pablo Neruda

*"Poetry arrived
in search of me"*

Pablo Neruda was a Chilean poet born in 1904. He was deeply involved in the politics of his beloved Chile, and in keeping with Latin American tradition, was appointed diplomatic roles. While in Spain, he forged friendships with Federico García Lorca and Manuel Altolaguirre. With Altolaguirre, he published a literary review, *Caballo verde para la poesía*.

Neruda's poetry ranges from historical epic to some of the world's most potent love poetry. His politics informed his poetry, and he expected his poetic work to be a force for social change. He wrote in green ink, symbolizing hope. Neruda was expelled from the Chilean senate and went into exile for several years beginning in 1948. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971.

His published works include *Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair*, *The Heights of Macchu Picchu*, *One Hundred Love Sonnets*, and *The Captain's Verses*, which was originally published anonymously. Neruda died of heart failure just days before the military ouster of his friend President Salvador Allende in 1973. Questions surrounding the cause of his death linger to this day.

Want to take your favorite poet to work
for Take Your Poet to Work Day?



Here's how:

1. Color your poet
2. Cut out your poet along dotted lines
3. Attach a popsicle stick to the back of your poet with tape or glue
4. Take your poet to work as shown



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