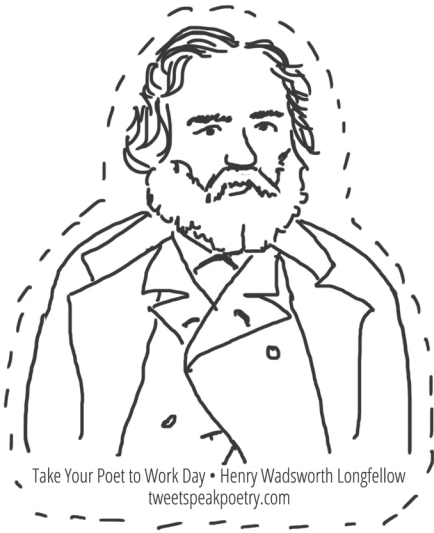


TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY

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*The best thing one can do
when it's raining
is to let it rain.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was an American poet born in Portland, Maine, at a time when Maine was still part of Massachusetts. His father was a member of Congress while his mother was the daughter of a Revolutionary War hero. Longfellow studied at Bowdoin College. After some studies abroad, as well, he returned and taught at Bowdoin, and later at Harvard.

Longfellow's first wife died during a miscarriage. He later remarried and had several children. His second wife died after sustaining severe burns when her dress caught on fire. Longfellow stopped writing for a time following his wife's death. He published his first collection in 1831, *Outre-Mer*. In 1839 he published *Voices of the Night* followed by *Ballads and Other Poems* in 1841. He was the most popular poet of his time and his lyric poems, which focused on mythology and legend, had great appeal to the masses. He is remembered for "Paul Revere's Ride" and "The Song of Hiawatha," among others. Walt Whitman was noted to say that Longfellow's work "does not deal hard blows."

He published an additional 7 volumes after the end of the Civil war and before his death in 1882.

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

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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