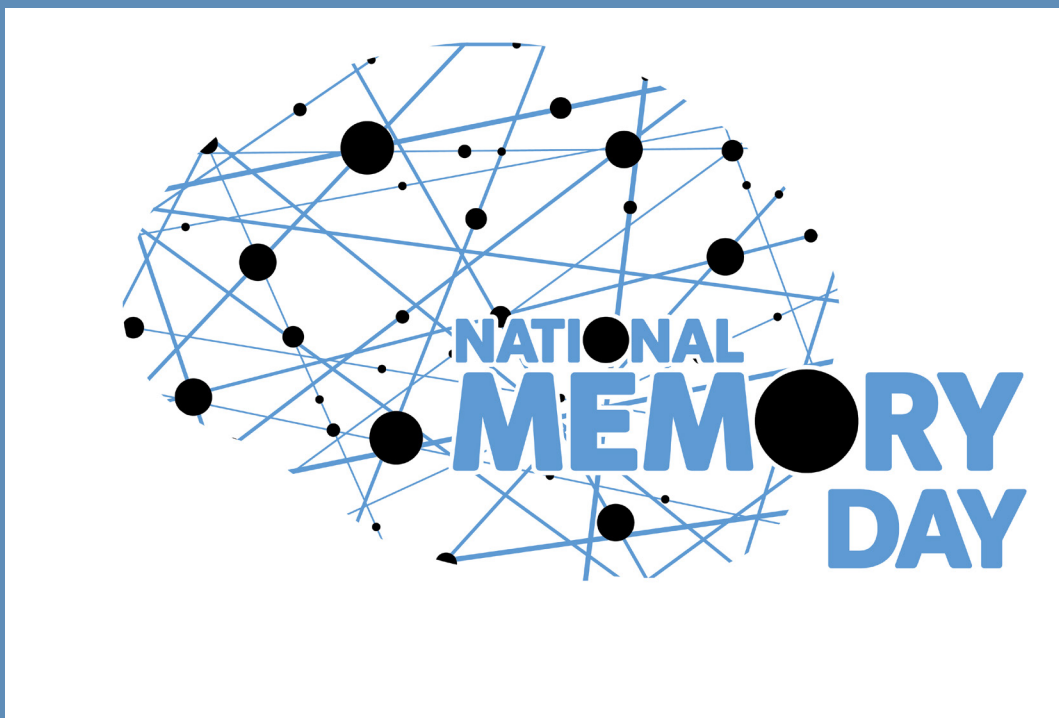


Recommended anthologies and poems
chosen by
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Recommended Anthologies

The Nation's Favourite Poems; by Griff Rhys Jones (BBC Books; 1996)

Poetry Please: The Nation's Best-Loved Poems by Roger McGough (Faber & Faber; 2014)

Recommended Poems

A list of a few favourites, which have been tried and tested in care homes and memory cafes. This is just a guide: there are many more wonderful poems to discover. Don't be scared to experiment. If you have your own particular favourites, then share them.

W. H. Auden **Musée des Beaux Arts**

Night Mail

William Blake **The Tyger**

Jerusalem

Rupert Brooke **The Soldier**

Robert Browning **Oh to be in England**

My Last Duchess

Lewis Carroll **Jabberwocky**

You are Old, Father William

Charles Causley **Timothy Winters**

I Saw a Jolly Hunter

Eden Rock

G. K. Chesterton **The Donkey**

Walter de la Mare **The Listeners**

Silver

Fare Well

W. H. Davies **Leisure**

John Drinkwater **Moonlit Apples**

T. S. Eliot **Macavity: The Mystery Cat**

The Journey of the Magi

Thomas Hood **I Remember, I Remember**

John Keats **Ode on a Grecian Urn**

To Autumn

La Belle Dame sans Merci

Rudyard Kipling **The Way through the Woods**

If—

Jenny Joseph **Warning**

Philip Larkin **An Arundel Tomb**

Edward Lear **The Owl and the Pussycat**

Andrew Marvell **To his Coy Mistress**

John Masefield **Sea Fever**

Cargoes

A. A. Milne **Buckingham Palace**

John Milton **On his Blindness**

Alfred Noyes **The Highwayman**

William Shakespeare **Sonnet 18: Shall I compare thee to a**

summer's day?

**Sonnet 116: Let me not to the marriage of
true minds**

**Fear no more the heat o' the sun (from
Cymbeline)**

Percy Bysshe Shelley **Ozymandias**

Alfred Lord Tennyson **The Lady of Shalott**

William Wordsworth **Daffodils**

Composed upon Westminster Bridge,

September 3, 1802

W. B. Yeats **The Lake Isle of Innisfree**

When You Are Old