

THE POETS' CORNER

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JOHN LITHGOW

FROM LISTENING TO HIS GRANDMOTHER RECITE EPIC POEMS FROM memory to curling up in bed while his father read funny verses, award-winning actor John Lithgow grew up with poetry. Ever since, John has been an enthusiastic seeker of poetic experience, whether reading, reciting, or listening to great poems.

The wide variety of carefully selected poems in this audiobook provides the perfect introduction to appeal to listeners new to poetry, and for poetry lovers to experience beloved verses in a fresh, vivid way. William Blake, Emily Dickinson, Edgar Allan Poe, and Dylan Thomas are just a few names among Lithgow's comprehensive list of poetry masters. His essential criterion is that "each poem's light shines more brightly when read aloud." This unique audiobook provides an extraordinary poetry experience of revelatory readings by John and the familiar voices of such notable performers as Eileen Atkins, Kathy Bates, Glenn Close, Billy Connolly, Jodie Foster, Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren, Lynn Redgrave, Susan Sarandon, Gary Sinise, and Sam Waterston. Lithgow offers insightful and often poignant commentary to accompany each poem.

Every listener will enjoy hearing these poems with the entire family, appreciating how each one comes to life through the spoken word in this superlative poetry collection.

JOHN LITHGOW is a two-time Tony Award winner, two-time SAG Award winner, two-time Academy Award nominee, and four-time Grammy Award nominee. He has worked extensively on Broadway and in film, and is perhaps most widely known for his role on *3rd Rock from the Sun*, for which he also received a Golden Globe and an American Comedy Award. He is also a national bestselling children's author. He has recently teamed with Broadthink to launch The Lithgow Palooza Company, which will promote his original projects for children. The author encourages you to visit their Web site at www.LithgowPalooza.com.

"John Lithgow, of all people, has gathered together many of the same poems that managed to frighten the poetry out of you in school. But with his sensible, no-tears guidance, it is now safe to come out from under your desks. THE POETS' CORNER is a book that wants to welcome you back to poetry."

—BILLY COLLINS, BESTSELLING AUTHOR

AND FORMER POET LAUREATE OF THE UNITED STATES



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