Poetry Quotes for Discussion

1. “Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas.” Albert Einstein

2. “Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.” Robert Frost

3. “Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance.” Carl Sandburg

4. “Poetry may make us from time to time a little more aware of the deeper, unnamed feelings which form the substratum of our being, to which we rarely penetrate; for our lives are mostly a constant evasion of ourselves.” T. S. Eliot

5. “Any healthy man can go without food for two days - but not without poetry.” Charles Baudelaire

6. “Poetry is the art of creating imaginary gardens with real toads.” Marianne Moore

7. “The only thing that can save the world is the reclaiming of the awareness of the world. That's what poetry does.” Allen Ginsberg

8. “Poetry is an orphan of silence. The words never quite equal the experience behind them.” Charles Simic

9. “The genesis of a poem for me is usually a cluster of words. The only good metaphor I can think of is a scientific one: dipping a thread into a supersaturated solution to induce crystal formation. I don't think I solve problems in my poetry; I think I uncover the problems.” Margaret Atwood

10. “Poetry is not a turning loose of emotion, but an escape from emotion; it is not the expression of personality, but an escape from personality. But, of course, only those who have personality and emotions know what it means to want to escape from these things.” T. S. Eliot