

# ESOL Poetry Selections

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## Catch a Little Rhyme by Eve Merriam

Once upon a time  
I caught a little rhyme

I set it on the floor  
but it ran right out the door

I chased it on my bicycle  
but it melted to an icicle

I scooped it up in my hat  
but it turned into a cat

I caught it by the tail  
but it stretched into a whale

I followed it in a boat  
but it changed into a goat

When I fed it tin and paper  
it became a tall skyscraper

Then it grew into a kite  
and flew far out of sight ...

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## One Out of Sixteen by Shel Silverstein

I'm no good at History,  
Science makes no sense to me,  
Music is a mystery,  
English is no friend to me,  
Math is my worst enemy,  
Economics tortures me,  
Gym takes too much energy,  
Reading is a chore to me,  
Geography just loses me,  
I hate Sociology,  
Chemistry confuses me,  
I barf in Biology,  
Astronomy's just stars to me,  
Botany's just flowers smelling,  
Even Art's too hard for me.  
Well, at least I'm good at Speling!

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## Afternoon on a Hill by Edna St. Vincent Millay (1892-1950)

I will be the gladdest thing

Under the sun!

I will touch a hundred flowers

And not pick one.

I will look at cliffs and clouds

With quiet eyes,

Watch the wind bow down the grass,

And the grass rise.

And when lights begin to show

Up from the town,

I will mark which must be mine,

And then start down!