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# Part Two: Poetry



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# Walt Whitman

(1819–1892)

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# I Hear America Singing

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In eleven lines, Whitman offers a hymn of praise to the many different people in his nation and the various songs they sing.



(the mechanics, the carpenter, the mason, the boatman, the deckhand, the shoemaker, the hatter, the wood-cutter, the ploughboy, the mother, the 'young wife at work', the seamstress or washerwoman)



# **I Hear America Singing**

The poem blends individuality with commonality, collective belonging with personal expression. There is something jubilant about Whitman's celebration of his country's people and their songs.

Emily  
Dickinson  
(1830-1886)

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## My Life had stood - a Loaded Gun

### Theme :-

**Power** : Dickinson metaphor throughout the entire poem comparing her life to a loaded gun illustrates the idea of power. Her power lies within her words and how she chooses to support her views through her actions.

**Anger** : can control one's life. In the last stanza she is describing how anger gives a person the power to kill, but without it, they will die . she might have written a poem with this meaning due to her isolation.



# My Life had stood - a Loaded Gun

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- The gun has the ability to take the lives of others with great ease However, the gun does not have the ability to die, unlike its owner . The gun is put into a corner at times, and is not used. The gun has no real life and meaning if it is not used