Happy Halloween: 31 Poems in Celebration of Autumn

Classic Halloween Poems

- **"The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe**

> Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, > Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore— > When the nights were long and cold, and the days were short and old, > And the fire burned low and the wind blew cold, > And the snow fell fast and the ice grew bold, > And the raven sat upon the bust of Pallas just above my door, > Quoth the raven, "Nevermore."

- **"The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe**

> True!—nervous—very, very dreadfully nervous I had been and am; but why will you say that I am mad? The disease had sharpened my senses— not destroyed—not dulled them. Above all was the sense of hearing acute. I heard all things in the heaven and in the earth. I heard many things in hell. How, then, am I mad? Hearken! and observe how healthily—how calmly I can tell you the whole story.

- **"Halloween" by Robert Louis Stevenson**

> The wind is wailing out of doors, > The rain is falling fast; > The leaves are dancing on the trees, > And witches ride on past.

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- **"The Goblin Market" by Christina Rossetti**

> Morning and evening > Maids heard the goblins cry: > "Come buy our orchard fruits, > Come buy, come buy: > Apples and quinces, > Lemons and oranges, > Plump unpecked cherries, > Melons and raspberries, > Bloom-down-cheeked peaches, > Swart-headed mulberries, > Wild free-born cranberries, > Crab-apples, dewberries, > Pine-apples, blackberries, > Apricots, strawberries;— > All ripe together > In summer weather."

Modern Halloween Poems

- **"Halloween Night" by Sylvia Plath**

> Black bat night. Jack o'lantern night. > Wind blows black across the moon. > Horned pumpkin gleams, witch moon rides > Through skies tuned sharp as a knife's blade.

- **"Halloween" by Billy Collins**

> There are no ghosts on Halloween, > No witches cackling on their brooms. > The only spirits to be seen > Are those that ride in plastic cups > And go to bed with pounding heads.

- **"The Halloween Party" by Gwendolyn MacEwen**

> Black cats prowl the moonlit streets, > Witches cackle in the night, > And children don their costumes bright > To celebrate Halloween's delight.

- **"Halloween Sonnet" by John Ashbery**

> The night is dark, the air is chill, > The leaves are falling from the trees, > The wind is howling like a banshee, > And Halloween is here to seize

Halloween Poems for Kids

- **"Halloween Spooks" by Jack Prelutsky**

> A witch in her pointy hat, > A ghost all white and fat, > A zombie with a brain so small, > A vampire with no bite at all.

- **"The Halloween Witch" by Shel Silverstein**

> There was an old lady who lived in a shoe, > And she was the Halloween Witch, it's true. > She had a crooked nose and a warty chin, > And she flew on a broomstick made of skin.

- **"Halloween Parade" by Mary Ann Hoberman**

> The Halloween parade is coming soon, > With witches and ghosts under the moon. > We'll dress up in costumes and have some fun, > And trick-or-

treat until the night is done.

- **"Halloween Countdown" by Nancy Tillman**

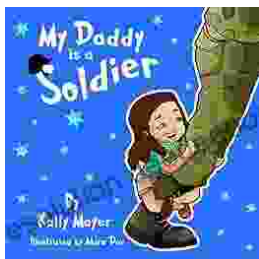> Ten little ghosts all lined in a row, > Nine little goblins, ready to go.

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