

Have you read?

Tower Poetry celebrates poetry, and celebrating poetry means celebrating diversity. Poetic tradition is enormous, and capacious: it is a standing rebuke to the injustices and prejudices of the world. We've put together a short introductory selection of links to the lives and work of important poets who were or are people of colour, and we share them here, to show something of the resistant strength of poetry in the world. Happy discoveries!

Audre Lorde

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/audre-lorde>

Ben Okri

<https://benokri.co.uk/>

Benjamin Zephaniah

<https://benjaminzephaniah.com/>

Danez Smith

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/danez-smith>

Deanna Rodger

<https://www.deannarodger.co.uk/>

Derek Walcott

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/derek-walcott>

Erica Hunt

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/erica-hunt>

Grace Nichols

<https://poetryarchive.org/poet/grace-nichols/>

Gwendolyn Brooks

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/gwendolyn-brooks>

James Baldwin

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/james-baldwin>

James Berry

<https://poetryarchive.org/poet/james-berry/>

Jay Bernard

<https://jaybernard.co.uk/home.html>

Jericho Brown

<https://www.jerichobrown.com/>

John Agard

<https://poetryarchive.org/poet/john-agard/>

John Warner Smith

<http://johnwarnersmith.com/>

June Jordan

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/june-jordan>

Karisma Price

<https://www.karismaprice.com/>

Kiki Petrosino

<http://www.kikipetrosino.com/>

Langston Hughes

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/langston-hughes>

Lucille Clifton

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/lucille-clifton>

Maya Angelou

<https://www.mayaangelou.com/>

Nikky Finney

<http://nikkyfinney.net/>

Porsha Olayiwola

<http://www.porshaolayiwola.com/poems>

Raymond Antrobus

<http://www.raymondantrobus.com/>

Rita Dove

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/rita-dove>

Valerie Bloom

<https://valeriebloom.co.uk/>