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- Finally, most importantly, we thank the many members of our community who sent us their favorite poems. It has been a great experience for us to learn more about ourselves and others through the medium of poetry.

We hope you enjoy our program this afternoon. If we have been truly successful, you just might get home later, and find yourselves thinking about which poem you will submit to us next year for The Eighth Annual Greater Newburyport Favorite Poem Project. We'll look forward to hearing from you!

### Imagine

Imagine there's no heaven  
It's easy if you try  
No hell below us  
Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people  
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion too  
Imagine all the people  
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer  
But I'm not the only one  
I hope someday you'll join us  
And the world will live as one

*John Lennon*

"Poetry is man's rebellion against being what he is."  
James Branch Cabell



Newburyport High School's  
Poetry Soup and Creative  
Writing Class Present:

## The Seventh Annual Favorite Poem Project

Sunday April 26 at 3PM  
Firehouse Center for the  
Performing Arts

1<sup>st</sup> half

**The Readers**

Bruce Menin

Vivien Szabo

Fedja Celebic

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Emma Rosenbaum\*

Glenn Myers

Maureen Farren\*\*

Jeffrey Esche

Karen Wiener

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Barbara Keeler

Mackenzie Kelleher  
(for John Gove)

Katrina Turner\*

Ken Siegel\*\*

**The Poems**

Untitled

The Will To Win

Pustite Me Kako Ja Hocu  
Let Me Do It My Way  
(Serbian)

from Leaves of Grass

The Summer Day

God Says Yes To Me

Sea Fever

Do Not Stand At My Grave  
and Weep

The Women

Untitled

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Sentimental

My Cohort's Ordered  
Home

**The Authors**

Aidan Pierce O'Leary

Lynda Stowe

Milan Curcin

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Walt Whitman

Mary Oliver

Kaylin Haught

John Masefield

Mary Elizabeth Frye

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Elizabeth Keeler

Unknown

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Albert Goldbarth

Rudyard Kipling

2<sup>nd</sup> half

**The Readers**

Colin Budzyna

Maggie Budzyna

Jonathan Woodman

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Dominique Dear

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Joel Grossman

Isabella Costa\*

Tom Lochhaas

Bob Brodsky

.

Jeanne LaVallee\*\*

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Toni Treadway (with  
Liam Wilbur\*)

Mark Schultz

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Dana Hooper  
(Jack Barry\* on  
keyboard)

**The Poems**

Housework

My Lunch

Messy, Messy,  
Messy, Yuk

One Thought Ever At  
The Fore

The Echo

Ela (Portuguese)

Marriage

nobody loses all the  
time

A Valediction of My  
Name In The Window

The Death of the  
Hired Hand

Poesía (Spanish)  
Poetry

Imagine

**The Authors**

Sheldon Harnick

Kenn Nesbitt

Betsy Woodman

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Walt Whitman

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Gail Kowalik

Machado de Assis

Gregory Corso

e.e. cummings

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John Donne

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Robert Frost

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Pablo Neruda

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John Lennon

– Intermission –

During this time you are encouraged to stretch, breathe, laugh, and purchase a 2008 RECORD MAGAZINE for \$5. You may also want to purchase previous years' RECORDS and POETRY SOUP MAGAZINES for a mere \$3. All funds go towards future NHS literary publications and readings.

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