

# TAKE YOUR POET TO WORK DAY

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## Emily Brontë

Emily Brontë was an English poet and novelist born in 1818 and the younger sister of Charlotte Brontë, who wrote *Jane Eyre*. Along with two older sisters, Elizabeth and Maria, Emily and Charlotte attended the Cowan Bridge School where they suffered greatly. When Elizabeth and Maria contracted tuberculosis, the four returned home, where the older girls died. The girls also had a brother, Branwell, who was a painter.

Emily, Charlotte and the youngest sister, Anne, together published a collection of poems in 1946 under the pen names Ellis Bell, Currer Bell and Acton Bell respectively, choosing masculine names so as to avoid, in Charlotte's words, being "looked upon with prejudice." The collection sold just 2 copies and received minimal, though positive, reviews.

Emily Brontë later published her only novel, *Wuthering Heights*. She would publish no other poems in her lifetime, though some 200 other poems were later published with the 1850 edition of *Wuthering Heights*, after her death from tuberculosis in 1848 at just 30 years of age.



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*It was not the thorn bending  
to the honeysuckles,  
but the honeysuckles  
embracing the thorn.*

## Want to take your favorite poet to work for Take Your Poet to Work Day?

1. Color your poet
2. Cut out your poet along dotted lines
3. Attach a popsicle stick to the back of your poet with tape or glue
4. Take your poet to work as shown



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