

## Time and Time Again

**Have today's poem confront time in some way.**

The more you are focused on time— past and future—  
The more you miss the Now, the most precious thing there is.

Eckhart Tolle

## Of Time

Don't even ask how rapidly the hummingbird  
lives his life.

You can imagine. A thousand flowers a day  
a little sleep, then the same again, then  
he vanishes.

I adore him.

Yet I adore the drowse of mountains.

And in the human world, what is time?  
In my mind there is Rumi, dancing.  
There is Li Po drinking from the winter stream.  
There is Hafiz strolling through Shariz, his feet  
loving the dust.

Mary Oliver  
in *Swan*

The soul has its own sense of time, and its own odd forms of clock and calendar . Some days are long, some short.

Stephan Rechtschaffen

## Where Did the Time Go?

Time gushed  
out of the clock  
to spill splashing  
across the floor.

Fishermen came in the window.  
In hip boots they waded through,  
swinging nets to catch the lost minutes  
and fallen seconds.

Hamming it up, each grabbed  
a floating clock hand,  
the stubby and the narrow,  
then laughed as,

with thrust and parry,  
they waged a mock battle  
a theatrical swordfight,  
and all the while

time was running out.

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## A Thing of Beauty

Sometimes where you get it they wrap it up in a clock and you take it home with you and since you want to see it it takes you the rest of your life to unwrap it trying harder and harder to be quick which only makes the bells ring more often.

W.S. Merwin  
in *The Book of Fables*

The minute rages in the clock.

Theodore Roethke

The Present is the point at which time touches eternity.

C.S. Lewis

It is almost impossible to think about nature without thinking about time.

Verlyn Klinkenborg

The Rural Life