



# A Taste of English Poems





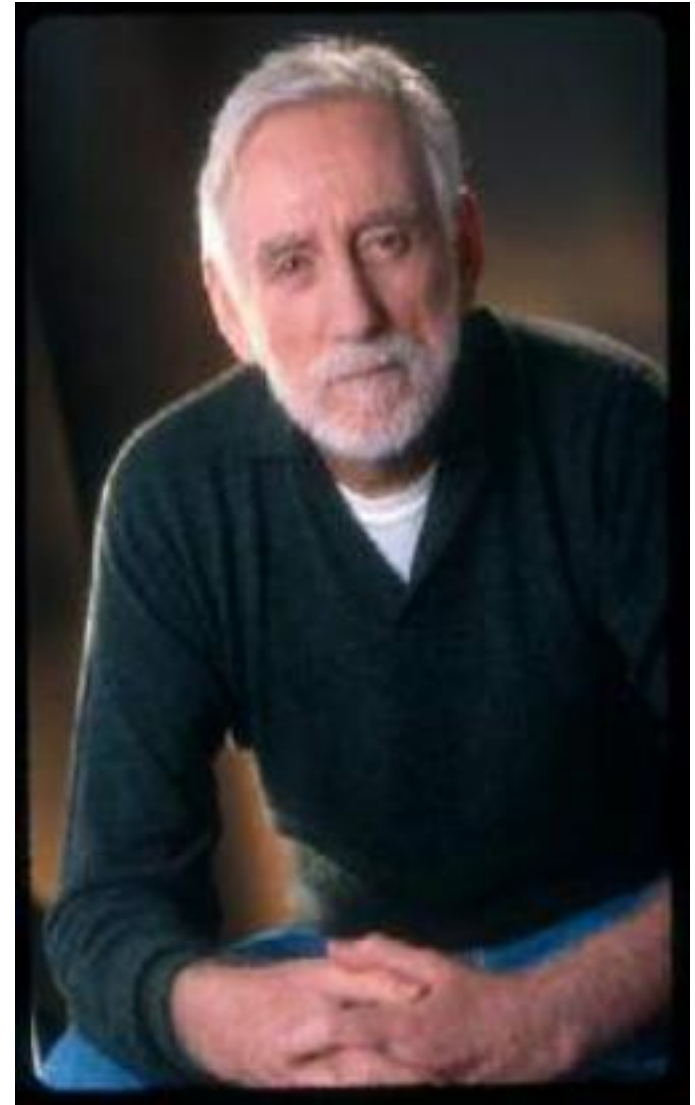
**May 14th**





- **Name** Rod Mckuen
- **Birth year** 1933
- **Nationality** America
- **Background** left home  
young to escape from  
stepfather
- **Occupation** poet, singer,  
songwriter, musician
- **Works known to the world**  
If you go away  
Seasons in the sun  
I've saved the summer

## Information card





# Enjoy

## **I'VE SAVED THE SUMMER**

I've saved the summer  
And I give it all to you  
To hold on winter mornings  
When the snow is new.

I've saved some sunlight  
If you should ever need  
A place away from **darkness**  
Where your mind can feed.



And for myself I've kept your smile  
When you were but nineteen,  
Till you're older you'll not know  
What brave young smiles can mean.

I know no answers  
To help you on your way  
The answers lie somewhere  
At the bottom of the day.

But if you've a need for love  
I'll give you all I own  
It might help you down the road  
Till you've found your own.

*(by Rod McKuen)*





## Questions

1. Who am “I” probably?

A. Lover

B. Friend

**C** Parent

D. Colleague

2. What do “I” express in the poem?

“I” express love for “my” adult kid .





# *I've Saved the Summer*

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And I give it all to **you**  
To hold on winter mornings  
When the snow is **new**.

I've saved some sunlight  
If you should ever **need**  
A place away from darkness  
Where your mind can **feed**.



And for myself I've kept your smile  
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**1. Rhyming words**

But if you've a need for love  
I'll give you all I own  
It might help you down the road  
Till you've found your own.



- From Father to Son

- I remember the day when you were **born**,  
Outside was cold, but I felt **warm**.
- I remember when I touched you and you  
began to **cry**,  
I was sort of frightened and I don't know **why**.
- Your eyes were teary, but yet so **cute**,  
You were so tiny, I didn't know what to **do**.
- Even though you've grown through out the  
**years**,  
I want you to know that I love you and I'll  
always be **here**.



## 2. Rhythmic pattern



I've **saved** the **summer**  
And I **give** it all to **you**  
To **hold** on winter **mornings**  
When the **snow** is **new**.

I've **saved** some **sunlight**  
If **you** should ever **need**  
A **place** away from **darkness**  
Where your **mind** can **feed**



I've saved the **summer**  
And I give it all to you  
To hold on **winter mornings**  
When the snow is new.

### 3. Images & emotions

I've saved some **sunlight**  
If you should ever need  
A place away from **darkness**  
Where your mind can feed.

“I” compare “**summer**” with “**winter, snow**”,  
“**sunlight**” with “**darkness**” to show that “I” can  
give you **warmth**, **brightness** and **hope** to  
pull you through difficulty .



# Images & emotions?

And for myself I've kept your smile  
When you were but nineteen  
Till you're older you'll not know  
What brave young smiles can mean

“I” have kept the best things for you and expect nothing else in return but your brave young smiles, for I want you to be as brave and confident as you were young.



**I know no answers**

**To help you on your way**

**The answers lie somewhere**

**At the bottom of the day**

**Images &  
emotions?**

**But if you've a need for love**

**I'll give you all I own**

**It might help you down the road**

**Till you've found your own.**

**“I” can’t help you all the way and more importantly, you need to learn to solve problems independently because your life is to be experienced by yourself. However, “I” will give you all my love if you need it.**



# summary

In the poem “**I**” have been giving unconditional love to my kid when he is in need of **w**armth, **h**ope, **C**onfidence and **courage**. So have our parents!

It doesn't matter who you love, or how you love,  
but that you love.

---Rod Mckuen



**We enjoy an English poem in three following ways.**

- **Rhyming words      Rhythmic pattern**
- **Image**
- **Feelings/ Emotions**



**May 14th**

*To Mom*

*Mother's  
Day*



*Don't let her wait so long. One small gift, a warm smile.*





- If I could give you diamonds, for each tear you cried for me
- If I could give you sapphires, for each truth you've helped me see
- If I could give you rubies, for the heartache that you've known
- If I could give you pearls, for the wisdom that you've shown
- Then you'll have a treasure, mother
- That would rise up to the skies
- That would almost match the sparkle in your kind and loving eyes
- But I have no pearls, no diamonds
- as I'm sure you're well aware
- So I'll give you gifts more precious, my devotion, love and care



# *To My Dear Mom*

- Dear Mom,
- Every day you bless me with your great love. I'm grateful to you from the bottom of my heart.
- I am grateful to you when \_\_\_\_\_
- I am grateful to you when \_\_\_\_\_
- I am grateful to you when \_\_\_\_\_
- ...
- ...
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**Your sweetie**





**We enjoy an English poem in the following ways.**


- **Rhyming words, Rhythmic pattern**
- **Repeated words**
- **Image**
- **Feelings/ Emotions**



# Homework

**Complete your writing after class and send it to your mother as a good gift for her.**

**Always be thankful to Mother and Father** for both care and worry, both encouragement and scold, both expectation and disappointment, **above all, both care and love!**



Thank you ...



- M-O-T-H-E-R

- “M”
- “O”
- “T”
- “H”
- “E”
- “R”
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