

Poetry and Humanity

Almost all art is about humanity.

Human beings are the seeking species. We seek to understand what is outside of ourselves, and we seek to look within ourselves.

We want to know who we are. What we are. Why we are. We want to understand the sources of joy, and sadness, and meaning. We want to understand what it means to be alive.

We want to understand love. And sorrow. And courage. And loss. We want to understand how to reach our dreams, and how to find out what our dreams should be, and how to bring happiness to our family and our friends.

We want to understand what it means to be good. We want to know how to know the right thing. We want to care about something important, something greater than ourselves.

We want to see the humanity of all humanity, and to understand those things that all of us, everywhere, have in common.

Like other artists, poets have turned their attention to human existence, pushing language to its maximum in order to express those things about humanity that are most true, or difficult, or subtle.

