

We think of poetry and science as very different, and there are differences. But poets and scientists both devote their lives to intense observation, and both face the challenge of reporting with words. Both poets and scientists use extreme forms of language. Both have had to develop creative and original ways of expressing truth. Both need great knowledge to do what they do.

Scientists, more than we usually realize, have had to resort to poetic devices in order to describe strange phenomena.

Poets, more than we usually realize, have turned their attention to the ultra-close examination of the world.

