

**This is the Good Fight:
Power and Protest Poetry Workshop
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**“Poetry is not only dream
and vision; it is the
skeleton architecture of
our lives. It lays the
foundations for a future of
change, a bridge across our
fears of what has never
been before.” Audre Lorde**



“Every poem is an action.

Every action is political.

Every poem is political.”

Solmaz Sharif





“Appalachian Elegy” (57) by bell hooks

Dakota Homecoming” by Gwen Nell Westerman

“”Black Girls Rising” by Renée Watson

“Archive of Green” by Dorsía Smith Silva

“When the Moon Rises” by Takako Arai

“Wishes for the Rich” by Steven Willis

“Broken Abecedarian For America” by Jessica Kim

“Talkin’ Bout a Revolution” by Tracy Chapman

“Being” by Tanaya Winder

Quotations for Reflection

“Poetry is a political act because it involves telling the truth.” - June Jordan

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” - James Baldwin

“Caring for each other is a form of radical survival that we don't always take into account.” -Ada Limón

Books about Protest Poetry for More Reading

Bittering the Wound by Jacqui Germain (Autumn House, 2022)

Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine (Graywolf, 2014)

Little Big Bully by Heid E. Erdich (Penguin, 2020)

DMZ Colony by Don Mee Choi (Wave, 2020)

I Remember Death by Its Proximity to What I Love by Mahogany L. Browne (Haymarket, 2021)

Cannibal by Safiya Sinclair (University of Nebraska, 2016)

Enough! Poems of Resistance and Protest edited by Claire Millikin and Agnes Bushell (Littoral, 2020)

The World that the Shooter Left Us by Cyrus Cassells (Four Way, 2024)

This Wound is a World by Billy-Ray Belcourt (University of Minnesota, 2019)

To Love An Island by Ana Portnoy Brimmer (YesYes, 2021)

while they sleep (under the bed is another country) by Roque Salas Rivera (Birds, 2019)

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