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## From Reader Review Classic Love Poems for online ebook

### **Lu says**

A beautiful reading of classic love poems by Richard Armitage. My eyes filled with tears.

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### **Robin Hatcher says**

The audiobook is performed by the utterly fabulous Richard Armitage. Love poems and Armitage are a perfect match, believe me. He gets a five. Overall, the book gets a four since I wasn't enthralled by every poem, classic or not. This is such a short read, but well worth it. I will listen again some day.

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### **Chris says**

Ah, Richard Armitage reading love poetry, what more do you want? Well, keep your x-rated comments to yourself.

Nice collection. Bonus points for including work from the Bible that was not Song of Songs. Good definition of love.

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### **Alex Farrand says**

I am sure these poems are beautiful, but listening to poems are not for me. I liked a few and I wish to read them again, I just need the hard copy in my hand.

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### **Madeleine says**

Richard Armitage could read me the phone book and I'd be okay with it.

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### **Wendy says**

Great reading...but I still just don't really like poetry, as most of these either annoyed or bored me. A couple were okay. All I could think of during the much-beloved 'She Walks in Beauty' was what douchecanoes Lord Byron and Percy Shelley were.

I don't totally hate this collection, though, and if you like poetry, I think you will love this reading.

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## **Paula says**

Yeah, why not. It's almost Valentines'/ Singles Awareness Day anyway. Not really a big fan of poetry.... But, who am I kidding, it's Richard Armitage who's reading the poems. Of course I have to listen to this! Haha. Plus, it's free at Audible. Only, too bad they don't let you download the file in mp3 formats. But, I guess, it's okay. I've downloaded their app on my phone and I've been listening to this since this morning.

To Richard, "Come live with me and be my love." Teehee.

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## **Iris P says**

### Classic Love Poems

This audiobook was a freebie Audible gave its members last year but I never listened to it before. I should mentioned that when it comes to Poetry, I am pretty much a total illiterate, but I remain a romantic at heart and very much enjoyed these lovely selection.

Here are a few of my favorites ones, but believe me listening to Richard Armitage read them to you is WAY better. Seriously, the guy can make the writing on a cereal box sound romantic!

### **I Carry Your Heart With Me- By E. E. Cummings**

*i carry your heart with me (i carry it in  
my heart)i am never without it (anywhere  
i go you go,my dear; and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing,my darling)  
i fear*

*no fate (for you are my fate,my sweet) i want  
no world (for beautiful you are my world,my true)  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you*

*here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows  
higher than the soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart  
i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)*

### **The Dream- By Edna St. Vincent Millay**

*Love, if I weep it will not matter,  
And if you laugh I shall not care;  
Foolish am I to think about it,  
But it is good to feel you there.*

*Love, in my sleep I dreamed of waking,  
White and awful the moonlight reached  
Over the floor, and somewhere, somewhere,  
There was a shutter loose, it screeched!*

*Swung in the wind, and no wind blowing!  
I was afraid, and turned to you,  
Put out my hand to you for comfort,  
And you were gone! Cold, cold as dew,  
Under my hand the moonlight lay!  
Love, if you laugh I shall not care,  
But if I weep it will not matter,  
Ah, it is good to feel you there!*

### **The Passionate Shepherd to His Love- By Christopher Marlowe**

*Come live with me and be my Love,  
And we will all the pleasures prove  
That hills and valleys, dale and field,  
And all the craggy mountains yield.*

*There will we sit upon the rocks  
And see the shepherds feed their flocks,  
By shallow rivers, to whose falls  
Melodious birds sing madrigals.*

*There will I make thee beds of roses  
And a thousand fragrant posies,  
A cap of flowers, and a kirtle  
Embroider'd all with leaves of myrtle.*

*A gown made of the finest wool  
Which from our pretty lambs we pull,  
Fair linèd slippers for the cold,  
With buckles of the purest gold.*

*A belt of straw and ivy buds  
With coral clasps and amber studs:  
And if these pleasures may thee move,  
Come live with me and be my Love.*

*Thy silver dishes for thy meat  
As precious as the gods do eat,  
Shall on an ivory table be  
Prepared each day for thee and me.*

*The shepherd swains shall dance and sing  
For thy delight each May-morning:  
If these delights thy mind may move,*

*Then live with me and be my Love.*

Happy Valentine's Day everybody!

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### **Malia says**

Love poems read by the lovely Richard Armitage... Need I say more?

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### **Maria says**

Featuring 15 poems written by what we know consider to be some of the best writers and poets, such as Yeats, Browning, Shakespeare, Eliot and Poe to name a few, this collection runs about 19 minutes long at the 1.0 speed and it was just fantastic to hear them read by Richard Armitage especially when he reads Christopher Marlowe's 'The Passionate Shepherd to His Love'.

I fell in love again with a lot of these because of Armitage's voice and his cadence as he read these... this was too short-lived, clocking in at barely 20 minutes at the 1.0 speed so I've been re-listening to it on and off since yesterday just because I can.

You don't have to be a fan of the actor to hear the depth of emotion in those few lines and feel that this man feels that emotion. He read it as a man besotted with whomever these words are for and that's what I want to hear in a narrator reading romance; *THE ROMANCE!* I always tell people that he could read the phone book to me, and I would be as equally as besotted as long as he keeps reading/ talking.

2.5 for the poetry included and another 1.5 for the narration.

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### **Marie Williams says**

So, I rarely read a great deal of poetry... And audio books aren't my thing...

But these are Classic love poems read by Richard Armitage...

Yes, he of John Thornton. And Guy of Gisborne. And a voice like the very heavens have opened.

Edgar Allan Poe's Annabel Lee is my sole favorite poem and never have I heard anything so beautiful...

Accept perhaps, the equally beautiful Bright Star by John Keats.

This entire collection of well-known and well-loved poems are wonderfully done. A perfect few moments with a cup of coffee at the end of the day. And I would say I would gladly listen to Richard Armitage read the phone book - but let's face it, do we really need the phone book...

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### **Leigh says**

Beautifully narrated!

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### **Gillian Berry says**

I mean, it was Richard Armitage reading LOVE POETRY. 19 minutes of pure swoon. Particular highlights include dark, brooding Richard reading "Anabel Lee" in a very Thorin Oakenshield kind of angst, the gorgeous "Maud" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, and a Christopher Marlowe poem that I read and loved in high school and had forgotten existed. All the stars to Richard Armitage's voice. Mmmmmmmmmmm. \*heart eyes\*

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### **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

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#### About the Performer

Richard Armitage is known to movie audiences around the world as "Thorin Oakenshield" in the trilogy of films based on The Hobbit. Born in Leicester, England, and trained at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, Armitage has performed with the Royal Shakespeare Company, and created memorable roles on Robin Hood, North & South, and other British TV series.

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#### **Amina says**

**How Do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43)**  
**Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1806 - 1861**

**How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.**  
**I love thee to the depth and breadth and height**  
**My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight**  
**For the ends of being and ideal grace.**  
**I love thee to the level of every day's**  
**Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.**  
**I love thee freely, as men strive for right.**  
**I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.**  
**I love thee with the passion put to use**  
**In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.**  
**I love thee with a love I seemed to lose**  
**With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,**  
**Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,**  
**I shall but love thee better after death.**

And the voice of: Richard Armitage

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