

POETRY in TIME

With particular emphasis on female production

Maria Miraglia

The loss of poetry and music is a loss of happiness. It could be injurious to the intellect and more likely to a moral character by enfeebling the emotional part of our nature.

Charles Dicken



Mnemosyne - Mosaic Mother of the muses Zeus's wife

Medieval Instrument



Harp - Trinity College Dublin



Lyre



Flute

Women of Medieval time

ARISTOTELE FROM POLITICS

THE GREEK PHILOSOPHY ALSO ADOPTED BY THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH:

" a man courage is shown in commanding, woman's in obeying";

" silence is a woman's glory "









Disk of Enheduanna

The first poet in human history

The highest priestess I carried the ritual basket, I chanted your praise. Now I have been cast out To the place of lepers. Day comes, and the brightness Is hidden around me. Shadow cover the light, Drape it in sandstorms. My beautiful mouth Knows only confusion. Even my sex is dust.





Sargon Akkadian King Statue of bronze Bagdad National Musium - Enheduanna's Father

Sir Charles Leonard Woolley (17 April 1880 – 20 February 1960) was a British archaeologist best known for his excavations at Ur in Mesopotamia



Temple of Ur - Now South Iraq



Sappho (Greek Poet - 630 - 570 B.C.)

Bust of Sappho preserved in the Capitoline Museum in Rome

From a papyrus fragment

Come to me now once again and release me from grueling anxiety.
All that my heart longs for, fulfill. And be yourself my ally in love's battle.



Love in the Tiaso

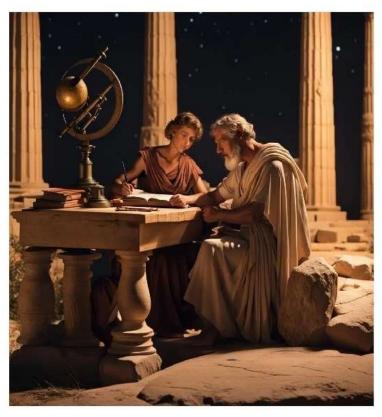


Hypatia

Born: Alexandria, Egypt

Died: March 415 AD, Alexandria, Egypt

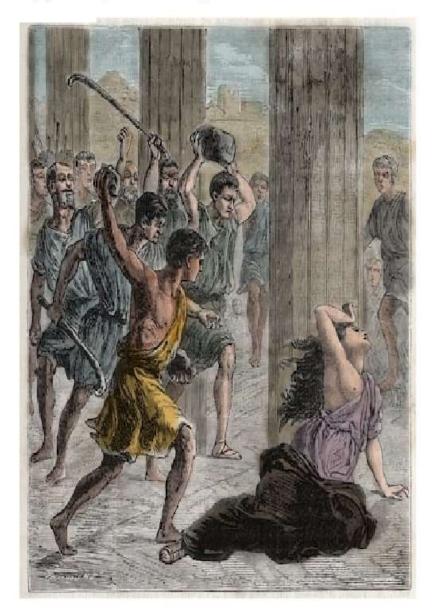
Parents: Theon of Alexandria



Hypatia was a Neoplatonist philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician.

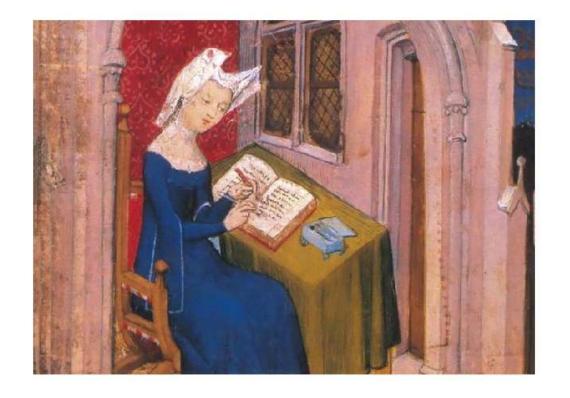
"Fables should be taught as fables, myths as myths, and miracles as poetic fantasies. To teach superstition as truths is a most terrible thing. The child mind accepts and believes them, and only through great pain and perhaps tragedy can be in after years relieved of them, "

Hypatia, brutally murdered in Alexandria - Egypt





Cyril
Patriarch of Alexandria 412 A.C.
Egypt



Because my father doeth me great ill,

And causeth me full bitterest rue,

Since he would marry me against my will

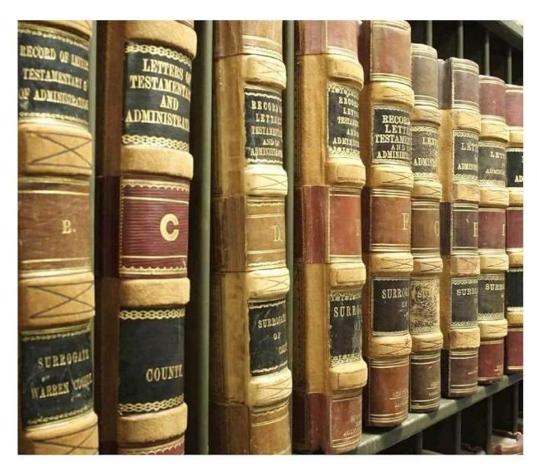
And I have neither heart nor mind thereto

Thus in great misery I pass the hours.

I would like to leave the world and serve God

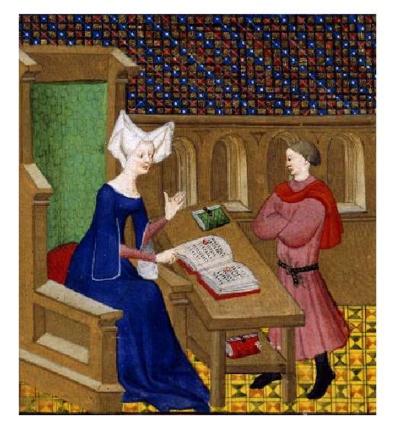
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from "BALLAD XIX "

Lover feel such sorrow now you go, That I do not know if I can bear it. My sweet secret love without you, oh How can I live? But one day even yet Without seeing you!

Christine de Pizan

Venezia 1364 - Parigi 1430

The first woman in the world to write on commission and secular historian



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Vittoria Colonna

When she who was the source of all my sighs,

Fled from the world, herself, my starining sight,

Nature who gave us that unique delight,

Was sunk in shame, and we had weeping eyes

Michelangelo

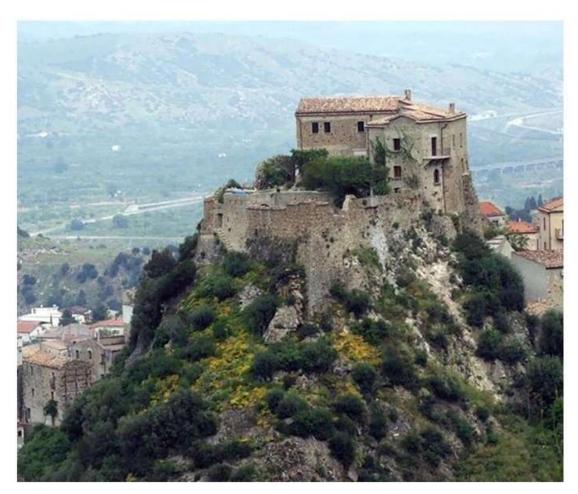




Isabella Morra

TO HER FATHER

From a high mountain top, where one can see
The waves, I, your sad daughter Isabella,
Gaze out for sight of any polished ship
Coming to bring me news of you, my father.
But my adverse and cruel destiny
Permits no solace for my aching heart
But, enemy to any thought of pity,
Turn all my firmest hopes into laments.



Castle of Favale (MT) Italy

Translation by Ellen Moody

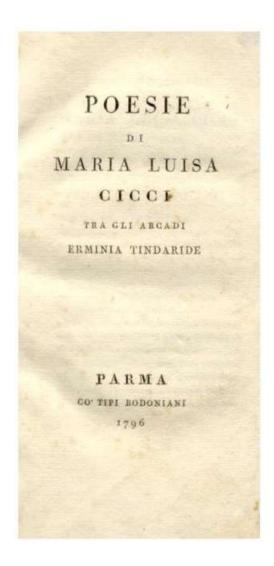


Meanwhile, the noblest flowers

from their native stem, she divides

and to arrange them in a beautiful disorder

finally, on the grass, she sits down.





Emily and Lavinia Dichinson

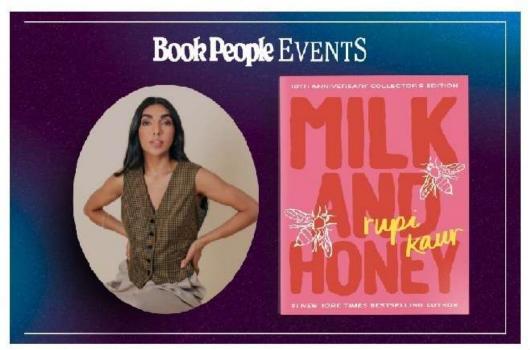
If I can stop one heart from breaking
Emily Dickinson

If I can stop one heart from breaking
I shall not live in vain;

If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto is nest again,

I shall not live in vain





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Plato

" Thera is substantial difference between men and women "

Plato

" Women have the right to an education identical to that of men in every field "

