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We hope you enjoy our program this afternoon. If we have been truly successful, you just might get home later, and find yourselves thinking about which poem you will submit to us next year for The Eighth Annual Greater Newburyport Favorite Poem Project. We'll look forward to hearing from you!

Imagine

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

John Lennon

"Poetry is man's rebellion against being what he is."
James Branch Cabell



1st half

The Readers

The Poems

The Authors

Bruce Menin

Untitled

Aidan Pierce O’Leary

Vivien Szabo

The Will To Win

Lynda Stowe

Fedja Celebic

Pustite Me Kako Ja Hocu
Let Me Do It My Way
(Serbian)

Milan Curcin

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Emma Rosenbaum*

from Leaves of Grass

Walt Whitman

Glenn Myers

The Summer Day

Mary Oliver

Maureen Farren**

God Says Yes To Me

Kaylin Haught

Jeffrey Esche

Sea Fever

John Masefield

Karen Wiener

Do Not Stand At My Grave
and Weep

Mary Elizabeth Frye

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Barbara Keeler

The Women

Elizabeth Keeler

Mackenzie Kelleher
(for John Gove)

Untitled

Unknown

Katrina Turner*

Sentimental

Albert Goldbarth

Ken Siegel**

My Cohort’s Ordered
Home

Rudyard Kipling

2nd half

The Readers

The Poems

The Authors

Colin Budzyna

Housework

Sheldon Harnick

Maggie Budzyna

My Lunch

Kenn Nesbitt

Jonathan Woodman

Messy, Messy,
Messy, Yuk

Betsy Woodman

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Dominique Dear

One Thought Ever At
The Fore

Walt Whitman

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Joel Grossman

The Echo

Gail Kowalik

Isabella Costa*

Ela (Portuguese)

Machado de Assis

Tom Lochhaas

Marriage

Gregory Corso

Bob Brodsky

nobody loses all the
time

e.e. cummings

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Jeanne LaVallee**

A Valediction of My
Name In The Window

John Donne

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Toni Treadway (with
Liam Wilbur*)

The Death of the
Hired Hand

Robert Frost

Mark Schultz

Poesía (Spanish)
Poetry

Pablo Neruda

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Dana Hooper
(Jack Barry* on
keyboard)

Imagine

John Lennon

– Intermission –

During this time you are encouraged to stretch, breathe, laugh, and purchase a 2008 RECORD MAGAZINE for \$5. You may also want to purchase previous years’ RECORDS and POETRY SOUP MAGAZINES for a mere \$3. All funds go towards future NHS literary publications and readings.

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