



The Beautiful Life

BBC Sermon Series Winter 2025

Poetry Shared

During this five part series, Pastors Aaron Kenny and John Wilton shared a number of poems and reflections from Christian literary figures reflecting upon their experience of the doctrine of creation. Here is a complete list of those references for anyone interested in further reading we recommend you visit the poetryfoundation.com

Part One: Creation and Redemption

Elizabeth Bishop (1911-1979)
“At the Fishhouses” and “The Moose”

Part Two: The Beautiful Chaos in God’s Wild World

Wendell Berry (1934 -)
“Leavings” and “Peace of Wild Things”
Gerald Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)
“The World is Charged with the Grandeur of God”
“Pied Beauty” and “Spring and Fall”

Part Three: Creation and the Fall

Tracy K Smith (1972 -)
Ordinary Light: A Memoir
Wade in the Water: a book of poems
“It & Co”; “The Garden of Eden”

Part Four: Creation and Suffering

Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825)
“To the Poor”

Part Five: Creation Anew

T.S. Elliot (1888-1961)
The Four Quartets, “Little Gidding”
Walter Wangerine Jr. (1944-2021)
Ragman and Other Cries of Faith
The Book of the Dun Cow
The Book of God
Wounds Are Where Light Enters

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www.bridgewaterbaptist.com/youtube

