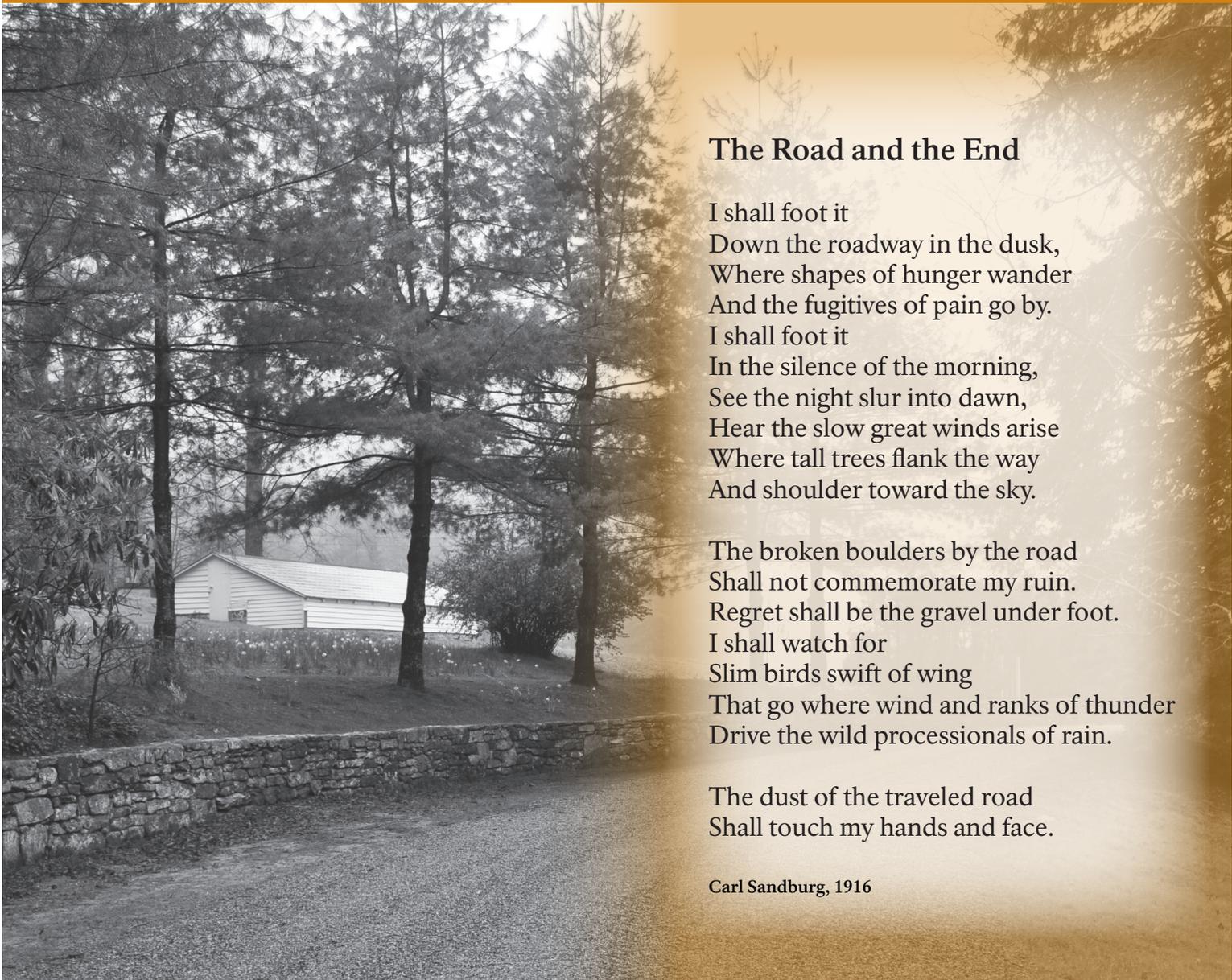




## 2014 Poetry Contest "Movement"



### The Road and the End

I shall foot it  
Down the roadway in the dusk,  
Where shapes of hunger wander  
And the fugitives of pain go by.  
I shall foot it  
In the silence of the morning,  
See the night slur into dawn,  
Hear the slow great winds arise  
Where tall trees flank the way  
And shoulder toward the sky.

The broken boulders by the road  
Shall not commemorate my ruin.  
Regret shall be the gravel under foot.  
I shall watch for  
Slim birds swift of wing  
That go where wind and ranks of thunder  
Drive the wild processions of rain.

The dust of the traveled road  
Shall touch my hands and face.

Carl Sandburg, 1916

Your students are invited to submit a poem to Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site's annual Student Poetry Contest. The contest encourages youth to explore writing their own poetry, and is open to students nationwide!

- Submissions are accepted from grades 3-12 and must be postmarked by February 24, 2014.
- See reverse for submission rules

# Official 2014 Contest Rules

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## Theme

Carl Sandburg's poetry moved with the times. It reflected the changes in America's landscapes, people and values. Sometimes he used a moving cadence or rhythm in his poetry, other times his words expressed a moving thought or idea from love to social justice. Or the poem stated a provocative idea of the need for movement and change. Poetry submitted under the theme "movement" can take a variety of forms. The words themselves might reflect a sense of movement by people or nature, or they will speak of important movements in our past and future (labor, civil rights, women's rights, etc...).

For younger writers teachers may wish to use the 3-5th grade poetry lesson "Poets and Poetry" as a way to get started found on the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/carl/forteachers/upload/ES35-pre-fog.pdf>.

## Submission Rules

- Poetry accepted from 3-12th grades only.
- Poems must be submitted by a teacher (including homeschool).
- No more than three poems per classroom (each from a different student).
- Poem will be judged on its ability to communicate the theme.
- Poem can be written in any style, but must not exceed one-page in length. No illustrations.
- Poems must be typed, no handwritten entries.
- Do not place any identifying information (name, school, grade, etc...) on poem.
- Submission form:
  - Paperclipped to poem, no staples
  - Must be signed by parent, student and teacher
  - Include title of poem so we can identify the author

Submissions must be postmarked, faxed, or hand-delivered by Monday, February 24, 2014. If you have any questions regarding the Student Poetry Contest, please contact Ginger Cox, Education Program Coordinator at (828) 693-4178 or by e-mail at

[ginger\\_hollingsworth-cox@nps.gov](mailto:ginger_hollingsworth-cox@nps.gov).

## Judging

Judges from the literary community will make the decision for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place within each grade category (3-5th, 6-8th, 9-12th)

Visitors to Carl Sandburg Home NHS during March 10-March 26 can cast a vote for their favorite poem within each grade category; poems with the most votes at the end of the voting period will win a People's Choice award.

**Winners will be notified by Friday, March 28, and will be invited to present their winning poem at a special reception on Friday, April 4, 2014.**

## Poetry Partners

The 2014 Poetry Contest is a result of tremendous community support including the Friends of Carl Sandburg at Connemara and the North Carolina Poetry Society members who serve as judges. Thank you.



**Send Submissions to:**  
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