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ONE BIG RAIN

Poems for Rainy Days

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Go on, get wet!

Autumn rains pluck colorful leaves from the trees. Winter rains bring sleet and snow, frosting everything in white. Spring rains nourish new life and create puddles for splashing. Summer rains rumble with thunder and make way for a lightning show.

Rita Gray has compiled twenty poems that celebrate rain, written by well-known poets such as Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg, Eve Merriam, and Lillian Moore. Divided into poems written about rain within each of the four seasons, this compilation offers the reader a chance to revel in the beauty of precipitation and the poetry it inspires. The variety of poems opens the door for discussion of poetic styles, while Ryan O'Rourke's playful, yet sophisticated illustrations will appeal to readers of all ages.

*Rita Gray spends her free time reading and writing poetry. She is the author of several children's books, including *The Little Wild Horse* (Dutton) and *Nonna's Porch* (Hyperion). Rita and her family live in New York City. Visit Rita at www.ritagrays.com.*

Ryan O'Rourke's illustrations have appeared in galleries, newspapers, and magazines, including a weekly illustration for the Boston Globe Sunday Magazine. One Big Rain marks his foray into children's picture books. Ryan makes his home in West Hartford, Connecticut. Visit www.ryanorourke.com to see more of his artwork.

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