

# POEMS ABOUT RESPECT

## R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

By Evangeline

Respect is rarely given to those who demand  
It's a thing best described as something well earned  
By the way you treat others; lend an ear or a hand  
Or by living your life through lessons hard-earned

Lift up your brother, your friend and your foe  
Stand by their side; don't hover above  
Respect, freely given, is a seed that will grow  
Returned with a smile, with honor and love

Slander your neighbor with whispered campaign  
Cast the first stone with a glint in your eye  
Boast of your triumphs, possessions and gain  
The respect that you covet will soon pass you by

Be quietly humble of blessings received  
You throw them away when thrown in someone's face  
Be honored of all that you've worked to achieve  
Reap what you've sown but with pride in its place

Take pleasure and joy in the life that you've earned  
Let ego stay dormant on discarded shelf  
See all with your heart; opened eyes that discern  
Respect can be gained by respecting yourself

## RESPECT

By David Harris

If we can not respect another  
How can we expect them to respect us  
If we can not respect someone's beliefs  
How can we expect them to respect ours  
If we can not respect another's race  
How can we expect that race to respect us  
If we can not respect others  
How can we expect respect in return

Everyone expects respect  
No matter who they are  
The only way to gain it  
Is to start treating everyone  
As a friend, a brother, a sister  
As part of our extended family  
No matter what colour or creed they are  
Only then you will start to get  
The respect you so dearly crave

## Golden Keys

By Author Unknown

A bunch of golden keys is mine  
To make each day with gladness shine  
"Good Morning!" that's the golden key  
That unlocks every door for me.  
When evening comes, "Good night!" I say,  
And close the door of each glad day.  
When at the table "If you please"  
I take from off my bunch of keys.  
When friends give anything to me,  
I'll use the little "Thank you" key.  
"Excuse me," "Beg your pardon," too  
When by mistake some harm I do.  
Or if unkindly harm I've given,  
With "Forgive me" key I'll be forgiven.  
On a golden ring these keys I'll bind,  
This is its motto: "Be ye kind."  
I'll often use each golden key,  
An so a happy child I'll be.

**A Day Well Spent**  
By Author Unknown

If you sit down at set of sun  
And count the deeds that you have done,  
And, counting, find  
One self-denying act, one word that  
eased the heart of him that heard;  
One glance most kind, which felt like  
sunshine where it went,  
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if through, all the livelong day  
You've eased no heart by yea or nay,  
If through it all you've nothing done that  
you can trace  
That brought the sunshine to one face,  
No act most small that helped some soul  
and nothing cost,  
Then count that day as worse than lost

**Hug O' War**  
By Author Unknown

I will not play at tug o' war.  
I'd rather play at hug o' war.  
Where everyone hugs instead of tugs.  
Where everyone giggles and rolls on the  
rug.  
Where everyone kisses,  
And everyone grins,  
And everyone cuddles,  
And everyone wins.

**RESPECT**  
By Don Wilson

Respect is a lesson that everyone should  
learn  
Respect must be given before an expected  
return  
Respect is something that's given for free  
Respect is about us and never about me  
Respect is the basis on which relationships  
are founded  
Respect is the anchor that keeps a person  
well grounded  
Respect builds the character and defines who  
we are  
Respect sets the standard and raises the bar  
Respect is magnanimous and helps to fulfill  
Respect is the partner that sits with good will  
Respect is like honey so sweet it's perceived  
Respect a taste to savor for when it's  
received