1) Some lyric poems that tell stories-- overtly, by implication, or through a mix of both

Mark Doty—*Charlie Howard’s Descent*
Robert Frost—*Home Burial*
Yusef Komunyakaa—*My Father’s Love Letters*
Stanley Kunitz—*The Portrait*
Li-Young Lee—*Persimmons*
Marilyn Nelson—*Minor Miracle*
Sharon Olds—*First Love*
                          *I Go Back to May, 1937*
Gary Soto—*Oranges*

2) Some poetry that filters Greek myths through the poet’s imagination

Margaret Atwood—*Circe: Mud Poems*
                          *Siren Song*
W. H. Auden—*Musee des Beaux Arts*
Stephen Dobyns—*Odysseus’s Homecoming*
Hilda Doolittle—*At Ithaka*
Rita Dove—*Mother Love* (mother-daughter poems)
Robert Hayden—*O Daedalus, Fly Away Home*
Linda Pastan—*On Rereading “The Odyssey” in Middle Age*
Katha Pollitt—*Penelope Writes*
Muriel Rukeyser—*Waiting for Icarus*
Anne Sexton—*To a Friend Whose Work Has Come to Triumph*

3) Some useful books for teaching poetry


Edgar, Christopher and Ron Padgett, eds. *Classics in the Classroom: Using Great Literature to Teach Writing*. Teachers &Writers Collaborative, 1999.


____________*For the Good of the Earth and Sun.* Heinemann, 1989.

____________*Awakening the Heart.* Heinemann, 1999.


Marzan, Julio, ed. *Luna, Luna: Creative Writing Ideas from Spanish, Latin American, & Latino Literature.* Teachers & Writers Collaborative, 1997.


____________*Catching Tigers In Red Weather: Imaginative Writing and Student Choice in High School.* NCTE, 2011.


Thomas, Lorenzo, ed. *Sing the Sun Up: Creative Writing Ideas from African American Literature.* Teachers & Writers Collaborative, 1998.


