

## Power and Conflict Poetry: 5 Key Quotations Per Poem

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### Ozymandias

“Two vast and trunkless legs of stone”

“Half sunk, a shattered visage lies”

“sneer of cold command”

“king of kings”

“colossal wreck, boundless and bare”



### London

“I wander through each chartered street”

“marks of weakness, marks of woe”

“The mind-forged manacles I hear”

“chimney sweeper’s cry...hapless soldier’s sigh”

“plagues the marriage hearse”



### Extract from The Prelude

“One summer evening (led by her)”

“troubled pleasure”

“a huge peak, black and huge”

“lustily I dipped my oars into the silent lake”

“there hung a darkness, call it solitude / or blank  
desertion”



### My Last Duchess

“my last Duchess”

“half-flush that dies along her throat”

“My gift of a nine-hundred-years-old name”

“I gave commands; / Then all smiles stopped together”

“Notice Neptune.../Taming a sea-horse”



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### The Charge of the Flight Brigade

“valley of death”

“theirs not to make reply/ theirs not to reason why/ theirs to do and die”

“jaws of Death/...mouth of Hell”

“someone had blunder’d”

“Noble six hundred”



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### Exposure

“Our brains ache, in the merciless iced east winds that  
knive us...”

“But nothing happens”

“forgotten dreams, and stare, snow-dazed”

“we turn back to our dying”

“sudden successive flights of bullets streak the silence”



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### Storm on the Island

“We are prepared”

“spits like a tame cat/ turned savage”

“exploding comfortably”

“But there are no trees, no natural shelter”

“We are bombarded by the empty air”



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### Bayonet Charge

“bullets smacking the belly out of the air-“

“he lugged a rifle numb as a smashed arm”

“patriotic tear”

“a yellow hare that rolled like a flame/ And crawled in  
threshing circle”

“king, honour, human dignity, etcetera”



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## Remains

“On another occasion”

“probably armed, possibly not”

“rips through his life”

“tosses his guts back into his body”

“his bloody life in my bloody hands”



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## Poppies

“tucks, darts, pleats”

“the world overflowing/ like a treasure chest”

“released a song bird from its cage”

“leaned against it like a wishbone”

“hoping to hear. Your playground voice catching on the wind”

