



The Gift of the Magi

Genre: Short Story

Jim and Della are a poor, young couple. One Christmas, Della sells her beautiful hair to buy Jim a chain for his pocket watch. When the gifts are opened, she realizes that Jim has sold his watch to buy combs for the hair she had sold. Their gifts are more precious because of the sacrifice each person made for the other.



Shoulders

Genre: Poem

In this poem, a man takes great care in protecting his young son from danger. This leads the poet to express a universal belief about the human condition. She suggests that the world will never be at peace unless all human beings take care of one another, just as the father does so instinctively with his son.