



## “The Power of Poetry: Resisting Injustice with Language”

The National Museum of Language ([www.languagemuseum.org](http://www.languagemuseum.org)) (NML) announced the launch of a major new exhibit on January 1, 2022: “The Power of Poetry: Resisting Injustice with Language”.

This new exhibit features examples of poetry from ancient times to the modern day, from 14 countries around the world, which express deeply held thoughts and emotions aroused by personal experiences of injustice. Selected poems range from ancient Egypt, classical Greece, and imperial China to the writings of Holocaust victims, modern refugees, and current fights for democracy, gender equity, and personal freedom.

New additions to the exhibit include the American debut of a poem by a high school girl in Kabul, who writes about the devastating impact of Taliban ban on education for girls over the age of 12. We are also hosting a new poem about the struggles of Mexican immigrants in the United States, and a review article on Ukrainian poets who have bravely used their writing to protest Russian oppression from imperial times to the present-day conflict.

Poems are presented in their original language with an English translation. In some cases, where the poems have been set to music, these performances are included in the exhibit. There are historical notes to explain the context of the poems and biographical notes on the authors.

NML is a completely virtual museum that is dedicated to honoring and supporting the acquisition, utilization, and preservation of language, including linguistic and cultural diversity.

Access to the exhibit is free and open to the public at:

<https://languagemuseum.org/exhibits/the-power-of-poetry-exhibit/>

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