

Maine Poet, Edna St. Vincent Millay

Edna St. Vincent Millay was born in Rockland, Maine in 1892. She wrote poetry, plays and songs as a child with her two sisters. She won an award and had one her poems published at age 14!

She wrote a long poem called *Renascence* by the time she was 20. The first part of that poem is famously written about the view from Mount Battie, because she lived in Camden for a time and climbed up the mountain to see the beautiful views. Up on Mount Battie, next to the tower you can see a bronze plaque set in a big rock in her honor. The beginning reads:

Edna St. Vincent Millay
1892-1950

“All I could see from where I stood
Was three long mountains and a wood.
I turned and looked another way,
And saw three islands in a bay...”

You can hear Edna St. Vincent Millay, in her own voice read some of her poems at a website, <https://millay.org> under Poetry Audio Archive. Maybe start with the beginning of *Renascence*?

