

Poet laureate	Birth and death	Appointed by
John Dryden	1631-1700	Charles II
Thomas Shadwell	c. 1640-1692	William III and Mary II
Nahum Tate	1652-1715	William III and Mary II
Nicholas Rowe	1674-1718	George I
Laurence Eusden	1688-1730	George I
Colley Cibber	1671-1757	George II
William Whitehead	1715-1785	George II
Thomas Warton	1728-1790	George III
Henry James Pye	1745-1813	George III
Robert Southey	1774-1843	George III
William Wordsworth	1770-1850	Victoria
Alfred, Lord Tennyson	1809-1892	Victoria
Alfred Austin	1835-1913	Victoria
Robert Bridges	1844-1930	George V
John Masefield	1878-1967	George V
Cecil Day-Lewis	1904-1972	Elizabeth II
John Betjeman	1906-1984	Elizabeth II
Ted Hughes	1930-1998	Elizabeth II
Andrew Motion	1952-	Elizabeth II
Carol Ann Duffy	1955-	Elizabeth II

Dates of laureateship
13 April 1668 - January 1688
9 March 1689 - 19 or 20 November 1692
23 December 1692 - 30 July 1715
1 August 1715 - 6 December 1718
10 December 1718 - 27 September 1730
3 December 1730 - 12 December 1757
19 December 1757 - 14 April 1785
20 April 1785 - 21 May 1790
28 July 1790 - 11 August 1813
12 August 1813 - 21 March 1843
6 April 1843 - 23 April 1850
19 November 1850 - 6 October 1892
1 January 1896 - 2 June 1913
25 July 1913 - 21 April 1930
9 May 1930 - 12 May 1967
2 January 1968 - 22 May 1972
20 October 1972 - 19 May 1984
28 December 1984 - 28 October 1998
19 May 1999 - May 2009
1 May 2009 -