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TO DELIGHT THE CURIOUS READER

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Sandburg, Galesburg, Iceberg

"Poetry is the achievement of the synthesis of hyacinths and biscuits." —Carl Sandburg

"The poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese." —Gilbert K. Chesterton

"Poetry lifts the veil from the hidden beauty of the world, and makes familiar objects be as if they were not familiar."

—Percy Bysshe Shelley

"Poetry is life distilled." —Gwendolyn Brooks

"A poet is, before anything else, a person who is passionately in love with language." —W.H. Auden

"Poetry: the best words in the best order."

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"I think poetry should... strike the reader as a wording of his own highest thoughts, and appear almost a remembrance."

—John Keats

"It may be said that poems are in one way like icebergs: only about a third of their bulk appears above the surface of the page." —Howard Nemerov

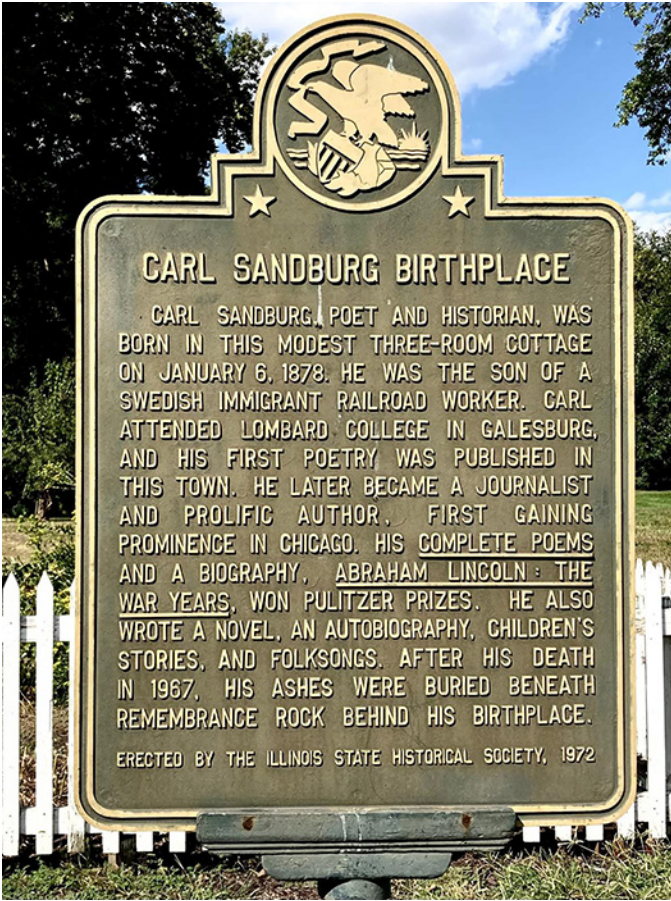
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The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbor and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

CARL SANDBURG

April is National Poetry Month

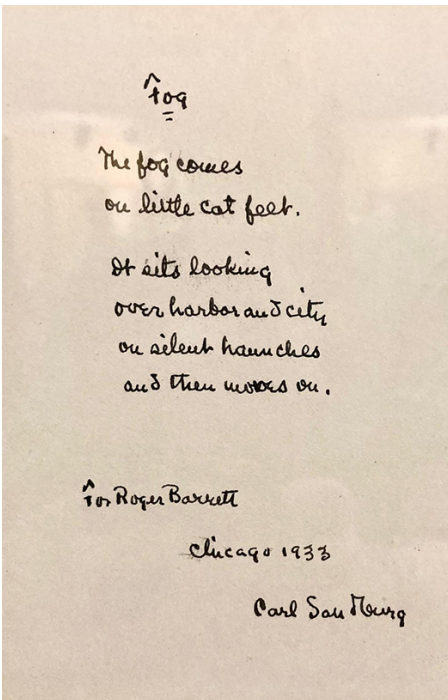
"Fog" is Sandburg's best-known poem.



Carl Sandburg Birthplace Sign



Last summer, Mona and her sister-in-law Angela (left) visited the birthplace of poet Carl Sandburg in Galesburg, Illinois. They enjoy taking "literary pilgrimages" together to see the homes of famous writers.



Have a delightful day! 

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At Sandburg's birthplace hangs a handwritten copy of his poem "Fog."