

## **About Amanda Gorman:**

**Amanda S. C. Gorman** (born 1998) is an American poet and activist. Her work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race, and marginalization, as well as the African diaspora. Gorman was raised by a single mother along with two siblings, learning early on that the written and spoken word are powerful from her English Teacher mother. As a child, Gorman fought an auditory processing disorder and speech impediment. Rather than see these challenges as a deficit, she learned to work with her limitations, and view them as gifts to make her a stronger linguist and writer.

Gorman graduated Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard University in Sociology. She was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate in 2017. In 2019 she was named in Roots Magazine, one of 25 “Young Futurists,” the best and brightest African American young adults excelling in the field of social justice and activism.

2021, she delivered her poem "The Hill We Climb" at the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden. She has said in interviews that with the destruction in the Capital, continuing unrest between parties, and a constantly evolving National situation, she had to keep revising her poem. Already she has three yet to be released books that are set to print over a million copies each in 2021. It is her intention to run for the office of President of the United States in 2036. She has become a household name and a bright light in the African American movement for change now and going forward.

**Enjoy the following links of text or videos of Amanda Gorman that are from the past year. She is surely one to watch as a female black leader in the making:**

Amanda Gorman recites her poem, “The Hill We Climb” at President Joe Biden’s Inauguration: <https://youtu.be/Wz4YuEvJ3y4> (Must see: inspiring for all ages; her delivery is amazing)

Amanda Gorman interview with Trevor Noah:

<https://youtu.be/IRGO5g1rqTw>

TED Talk: “Using Your Voice Is a Political Choice,” by Amanda Gorman:

<https://youtu.be/zaZBggfEa1E>

Amanda Gorman recites Independence Day poem:

<https://youtu.be/z2XafNPqKHs>

Amanda Gorman recites "The Glory of Morning": <https://youtu.be/XOieGJl6g4s>

Transcript of Amanda Gorman's "The Hill We Climb" poem in full:  
<https://www.townandcountrymag.com/society/politics/a35279603/amanda-gorman-inauguration-poem-the-hill-we-climb-transcript/>

Analysis of Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb"  
<https://poemanalysis.com/amanda-gorman/the-hill-we-climb/>

Amanda Gorman interview about her preparation and the experience of being the chosen poet to read at the 2021 Inauguration:  
<https://youtu.be/uGm4UVWicv0>