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Thursdays, February 25 and March 4, 4:00: TANGLED UP IN BLUE: DYLAN AS POET
with Jill Jupen, Poet Laureate of Martha's Vineyard

Bob Dylan is one of the greats of modern music - but he has never won any prizes for his voice. When Robert Zimmerman began performing folk songs in coffee houses, he renamed himself after Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, apropos in that it is Bob Dylan's lyrics, the poetry in his music, that has earned him the literary world's highest honor, the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Allen Ginsberg called him the greatest poet of the second half of the 20th Century, and former Poet Laureate Sir Andrew Motion has said he listens to Dylan almost every day. Per Wastberg, chair of the Nobel literature committee, said he is "probably the greatest living poet". Certainly no other rock musician has had their lyrics more analyzed, anthologized and eulogized.

Join Jill Jupen, our own Poet Laureate, as she delves into Dylan's work, it's breadth and depth, its metamorphoses, and its legacy for troubled times in this two-part interactive exploration of what makes Bob Dylan great.

Jill Jupen is the Poet Laureate of Martha's Vineyard, and has lived on the island for 21 years. She was born and raised in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont where she was a psychiatric nurse. Her chapbook "The Space Between" was published by Plan B Press in 2018. She lives on the island with her husband, three Jack Russells, and a whole lot of books.

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