poetry = human race inspires passion, beauty, and love to discover the human race. When Mr. Keating tells the boys to let the "powerful play go on" and "contribute a verse," what do these metaphorical statements mean? Do something meaningful. What is the other teacher's reaction to Keating's teaching techniques? What does Mr. Keating say he hopes to teach the boys? Students resurrect a club from the school's past called the dead poets society, where they meet in a cave to read poetry and have deep discussions. The students' newfound independence leads them to conflict with their parents and the school administration, ultimately leading to the suicide of one student and the firing of the teacher. Robin Williams is brilliant as the teacher. Dante's poetic vision, as Williams describes it, derives from an older, more nearly unified consciousness. For Dante, the symbols of his poem are the way he knows, are in fact the knowing itself. He did not conceive of his poem as an ornamental exercise somehow allegorizing a separate, autonomous, and objective "truth."

"Nor did he think of the Divine Comedy as simply an expression of his own soul in the manner of, say, Poe. Instead, he seems to have regarded the poem as a creative