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Riddle: Aubade

Consult me in the morning if you will
it matters not what time of day or night
there's no diurnal rhythm to my skill
I even lack a sense of dark or light

Nevertheless, in order to create
your own, just let me be your open door
to visit many poets small and great,
examples of the form both good and poor

I'll help you find the words you're looking for,
to fit the rhyme and rhythm that you choose,
expressions either common or obscure;
spellings for the ones you seldom use

Better, I can even tell you when
the sun will rise, and if the clouds might go,
the phase and time of setting of the moon,
or any other facts you want to know—

scientific, social, economic—
or discourse, argument of any kind—
political, fictitious, mythologic
or legal. Just come seek, and you shall find.

Who am I?