

This poem is from Carol Ann Duffy's collection, *The World's Wife*, which is a collection of poems that are written from the perspectives of the wives of various famous and fictional men. (...Mrs Midas, Mrs Icarus and 'Queen Kong' all make appearances.)

The poem below is written in the style of a diary entry that has been penned by Charles Darwin's wife. It offers an alternative origin (*see what I did there!*) for Darwin's ground-breaking scientific discoveries.

Happy Science Week!

Mrs. Darwin

7 April 1852

Went to the zoo.
I said to him—
Something about that chimpanzee over there reminds
me of you.

Carol Ann Duffy