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Twentieth Century Scottish Poems (Poet to Poet: An Essential Choice of Classic Verse) 1st Ed. Edition Edition by Douglas Dunn (Editor).

The Growing Phenomenon of Rumi 4. Here are 12 Reasons 5. The Untold Story 6. Who was Kimia Khatun? Kimya, Khatoun, Khatoun 7. The Collective Poems of Shams or Rumi? Rumi, a Pop Star Celebrity at the Time? Was Rumi a Sufi? A Rumi for All Seasons Rumi was Gloriously Blasphemous Preface Rumi was a messenger of truth with high clarity of vision. And the only way we can truly honor him is to be as truthful and clear about his life as possible. To cover up or sweep certain parts of his history under a fine Persian rug is a crime against the love, respect and admiration that we have for Rumi. Rumi deserves only the truth. Rumi is a powerhouse. Everything about Rumi was pure magic and an example of a truly powerful, very independent spirit shattering status quo, dated social norms, primitive cultural taboos, dusty dogmatic thinking and slave mentality. I began translating Rumi in , and publishing, sharing and performing his poetry in I never thought that he would become so popular in the West in such a short time. Rumi was born on the Eastern shores of the then Persian Empire on September 30, , in the city of Balkh in what is now Afghanistan and finally settled in the town of Konya, in what is now Turkey. Today three countries claim him as their national poet: Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan. However none of these countries as they are today actually existed back then. Iran was called the Persian Empire, a monarchy, and it was quite larger than it is today. Turkey had not yet formed then and Afghanistan was part of the Khorasan Province in the old Persian Empire. Rumi was a charming, wealthy nobleman, a genius theologian, law professor and a brilliant but sober scholar, who in his late thirties met a wandering and wild holy man by the name of Shams. Rumi and Shams stayed together for a short time, about 2 years in total, but the impact of their meeting left an everlasting impression on Rumi and his work. These thousands of poems, which include about in quatrains, are collected in two epic books named, Divan-e Shams-e Tabrizi and Masnavi Massnavi, Mathnawi. It seems that the universe brought these two opposing characters a wealthy nobleman and a poor, wondering, wild holy man together to remind us that it is impossible to know where your next inspiration may come from or who might aid furthering your growth. For Rumi life of mystics is a "gathering of lovers, where there is no high or low, smart or ignorant and no proper schooling required. The Growing Phenomenon of Rumi Rumi, the 13th century Persian poet, has been called the greatest mystical poet of all time. During the last 25 years of his life, Rumi composed over 70, verses of poetry collected in 2 distinct volumes. Poetry focusing on varied and diverse topics. His work covers deeply philosophical and mystical, with poems of fiery soulful expression to passionate love verses filled with yearning and desire in volume 1. And in his second volume, which is his populist work, he switches to a work filled with anecdotes, life lessons, moral stories, stories from all three Abrahamic religions, popular topics of the day and even satirical tales. His work has an all embracing universality. A call from an independent soul yearning for true freedom from dogma and hypocrisy. Rumi also writes about the abolishment of the established fear-based religious orders of the world. For Rumi fear-based religion is poison and his remedy is love-based doctrine--a life journey free of guilt, fear and shame. Rumi is an exciting literary and philosophical force. Rumi deals with the human condition and that is always relevant. Rumi is able to verbalize the highly intimate and often confusing world of personal growth and soul evolution in a very clear and direct fashion. He does not offend anyone and he includes everyone. The world of Rumi is neither exclusively the world of a Sufi, nor the world of a Hindu, nor a Jew, nor a Christian; it is a state of an evolved human. A human who is not bound by cultural limitations; a one who touches every one of us. Here are 12 Reasons I asked a group of about fifty participants in one of my workshops to define why Rumi meant so much to them. I then was able to group their responses into 12 distinct categories which are listed below with explanation. They found Rumi to cater to their hearts, emotions and instincts rather than purely to their intellects. The more they learned about Rumi, the more they appreciated his depth and were encouraged to dig deeper. They found him to be a friend.

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Reading Rumi for them is a personal process. They associate themselves with him. Every time a Rumi poem was recited they felt Grace descending. Rumi was like a lover to some of the participants. They found Rumi to form a cultural bridge for the Persians, Turks, Afghanis and the Arabs in this country. They found Rumi to be a spiritual guide for them. The Untold Story To comprehend the often misunderstood and misquoted connection between Rumi and Shams we begin by reviewing the personalities of these two historic figures. Rumi, born into wealth, power and world of politics, was a member of high society. He was known to pull and offer favors. His mother was a relative of the king in the province of Khorasan in Eastern Persian Empire, where he was born. His father was a respected court advisor on jurisprudence. Rumi indulged in personal contacts, favors and friendships. He was known to deepen his friendship to his favorite people by any means necessary. For example, he was close with a goldsmith in Konya, his last name was Zarkoob. Since it was socially unacceptable for a member of elite class to socialize with merchant class, he arranged for his eldest son, Sultan Walad, to marry the daughter of the goldsmith to formalize his connection with him. Shams, by the time he met Rumi was in his 60s. By then he was known mainly as a blunt, antisocial and powerful spiritual wanderer. His nickname was the Bird. This wanderer is known to have been seeking a "grandmaster student"--a student who would be greater than many masters at the time. He chose Rumi as his "master-student. They meet again when Rumi was in his late 30s and Shams in his early 60s. The initial spark of their connection inspires Rumi to take Shams into his home. Shams from then on becomes the new friend, the latest companion. As you can imagine problem is brewing from day one. He was a simple wanderer, a powerful spiritual figure yes, but still a poor, homeless wanderer. Also, Shams was terribly antisocial, drank, had a bad temper and used to curse in front of the children. It is important to understand the dynamic of this situation. Here are two totally opposing figures from extreme ends of social class structure of the time bookends really coming together in a highly structured society. It is not unlike the story of Rasputin and Tsarina Alexandra of Russia. In fact the similarities are quite striking with both Rasputin and Shams being disliked by one and all and be extinguished not by strangers but by insiders. Rumi was number one citizen of that region; he was even above the emir the ruler , since the emir was one of his students. Yet Rumi managed to use all his wit to keep Shams around as long as possible even by offering him an extremely hard to ignore gift. After receiving repeated threats Shams decides to leave town. So, the first association between Rumi and Shams ends at this point. Soon after, Rumi falls into a deep state of grief. Rumi puts out reward notices for any news of Shams. Rumi immediately orders a caravan of gifts on horseback and sends his eldest son Sultan Walad to locate Shams and beg him to come back. Sultan Walad finds Shams in Damascus as reported and upon meeting of Shams falls on his knees and begs him to return. He tells Shams that his father is dying. He says everyone is sorry. Sultan Walad points outside to the caravan of gifts and says smartly, these are not just from master Rumi, they are from everyone in Konya. Shams agrees to return. Sultan Walad places Shams on horseback, but he himself walks all the way back to Konya out of respect. For them the life of their master Rumi was more precious than petty bickering about social class and vulgar tongue of this wandering dervish. So Shams is brought back into Konya with much fanfare. People were saying we should have waited a couple of more months, our master Rumi would have certainly forgotten Shams. So the threats against Shams start anew. Rumi marries his very young step daughter Kimia alchemy to Shams. Kimia was a princess of a girl, raised in a very cultured, wealthy and highly sophisticated household. Kimia was around the age of 12 at the time.

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2: The Poets' Grimm: 20th Century Poems from Grimm Fairy Tales by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont

*Wb Yeats Poems Selected by Seamus Heaney (Poet to Poet: An Essential Choice of Classic Verse) [W. B. Yeats] on www.enganchecubano.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. In this series, a contemporary poet advocates a poet of the past or present whom they have particularly admired.*

And like death, love seems to be something most poets know little about; for evidence, see their biographies. The poems I have chosen this time cover the full spectrum of responses to love, from joy to anguish, and sometimes a mixture of both. As befits the topic this time, the list is a bit heavy on Romantics and light on those rational Enlightenment types. Here, with a few comments and no apologies, is the list: Drayton, a contemporary and possible acquaintance of the Bard, evidently had come to the unhappy end of an affair when he penned this sonnet. He begins with a show of stoic indifference: How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and height My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of being and ideal grace. I love thee freely, as men strive for right. I love thee purely, as they turn from praise. I love thee with a love I seemed to lose With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath, Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose, I shall but love thee better after death. Instead, it promulgates one of the oldest arguments of a swain to a maid: In any case, I hope it worked for him. The fountains mingle with the river And the rivers with the ocean, The winds of heaven mix for ever With a sweet emotion; Nothing in the world is single; All things by a law divine In one spirit meet and mingle. Why not I with thine? What is all this sweet work worth If thou kiss not me? In this poem, the lover is attempting to gain his desire by appealing to the tender emotions of his object. Coleridge, by the way, could really tell a romantic story, whatever his ulterior motives. All thoughts, all passions, all delights, Whatever stirs this mortal frame, All are but ministers of Love, And feed his sacred flame. Few sorrows hath she of her own, My hope! I played a soft and doleful air, I sang an old and moving storyâ€” An old rude song, that suited well That ruin wild and hoary. She listened with a flitting blush, With downcast eyes and modest grace; For well she knew, I could not choose But gaze upon her face. I told her of the Knight that wore Upon his shield a burning brand; And that for ten long years he wooed The Lady of the Land. I told her how he pined: She listened with a flitting blush, With downcast eyes, and modest grace; And she forgave me, that I gazed Too fondly on her face! But when I told the cruel scorn That crazed that bold and lovely Knight, And that he crossed the mountain-woods, Nor rested day nor night; That sometimes from the savage den, And sometimes from the darksome shade, And sometimes starting up at once In green and sunny glade,â€” There came and looked him in the face An angel beautiful and bright; And that he knew it was a Fiend, This miserable Knight! And that unknowing what he did, He leaped amid a murderous band, And saved from outrage worse than death The Lady of the Land! And how she wept, and clasped his knees; And how she tended him in vainâ€” And ever strove to expiate The scorn that crazed his brain;â€” And that she nursed him in a cave; And how his madness went away, When on the yellow forest-leaves A dying man he lay;â€” His dying wordsâ€”but when I reached That tenderest strain of all the ditty, My faltering voice and pausing harp Disturbed her soul with pity! All impulses of soul and sense Had thrilled my guileless Genevieve; The music and the doleful tale, The rich and balmy eve; And hopes, and fears that kindle hope, An undistinguishable throng, And gentle wishes long subdued, Subdued and cherished long! She wept with pity and delight, She blushed with love, and virgin-shame; And like the murmur of a dream, I heard her breathe my name. Her bosom heavedâ€”she stepped aside, As conscious of my look she steppedâ€” Then suddenly, with timorous eye She fled to me and wept. She half enclosed me with her arms, She pressed me with a meek embrace; And bending back her head, looked up, And gazed upon my face. I calmed her fears, and she was calm, And told her love with virgin pride; And so I won my Genevieve, My bright and beauteous Bride. And even though we are parting now, I will return, no matter what. And fare thee weel, my only luvie! And fare thee weel awhile! And I will come again, my luvie, Though it were ten thousand mile. It was many and many a year ago, In a kingdom by the sea, That a maiden there lived whom you may know By

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the name of Annabel Lee; And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love and be loved by me. I was a child and she was a child, In this kingdom by the sea: But we loved with a love that was more than loveâ€” I and my Annabel Lee; With a love that the winged seraphs of heaven Laughed loud at her and me. And this was the reason that, long ago, In this kingdom by the sea, A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling My beautiful Annabel Lee; So that her highborn kinsman came And bore her away from me, To shut her up in a sepulchre In this kingdom by the sea. The angels, not half so happy in heaven, Went laughing at her and meâ€” Yes! But our love it was stronger by far than the love Of those who were older than weâ€” Of many far wiser than weâ€” And neither the laughter in heaven above, Nor the demons down under the sea, Can ever dissever my soul from the soul Of the beautiful Annabel Lee: For the moon never beams, without bringing me dreams Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side Of my darlingâ€”my darlingâ€”my life and my bride, In her sepulchre there by the sea, In her tomb by the sounding sea. The bitterness comes mainly in the first line: As the history goes, she could not produce the male heir Henry wanted and he probably wrongfully accused her of incest and adultery just so he could have her executed. This love, hijacked by higher forces, painfully elusive, and wildly tempting is exquisitely real and compelling. Whoso list to hunt, I know where is an hind, But as for me, alas, I may no more. The vain travail hath wearied me so sore, I am of them that farthest cometh behind. Yet may I by no means my wearied mind Draw from the deer, but as she fleeth afore Fainting I follow. I leave off therefore, Since in a net I seek to hold the wind. Who list her hunt, I put him out of doubt, As well as I may spend his time in vain. And graven with diamonds in letters plain There is written, her fair neck round about: Sexuality ends with death, which is inevitable, so what are you saving it for? Had we but world enough and time, This coyness, lady, were no crime. I would Love you ten years before the flood, And you should, if you please, refuse Till the conversion of the Jews. My vegetable love should grow Vaster than empires and more slow; An hundred years should go to praise Thine eyes, and on thy forehead gaze; Two hundred to adore each breast, But thirty thousand to the rest; An age at least to every part, And the last age should show your heart. For, lady, you deserve this state, Nor would I love at lower rate. Now therefore, while the youthful hue Sits on thy skin like morning dew, And while thy willing soul transpires At every pore with instant fires, Now let us sport us while we may, And now, like amorous birds of prey, Rather at once our time devour Than languish in his slow-chapped power. Let us roll all our strength and all Our sweetness up into one ball, And tear our pleasures with rough strife Through the iron gates of life: Thus, though we cannot make our sun Stand still, yet we will make him run. Surprisingly, the first eight lines are not about love or even human life; Keats looks at a personified star Venus? Somehow, the surprising juxtaposition of the wide view of earth as seen from the heavens and the intimate picture of the lovers works to invest the scene of dalliance with a cosmic importance. John Donne sometimes accomplished this same effect, though none of his poems made my final cut. Even death cannot lord itself over love, which persists to the end of time itself. The final couplet strongly reaffirms his commitment: If this be error and upon me proved, I never writ, nor no man ever loved. It seems Shakespeare may be talking about a deeper layer of love, transcending sensual attraction and intimacy, something more akin to compassion or benevolence for your fellow man. Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds, Or bends with the remover to remove. Post your own best love poem pick or list in the comments section below. Conrad Geller is an old, mostly formalist poet, a Bostonian now living in Northern Virginia. His work has appeared widely in print and electronically. I am a university in the U. Becoming more dependent on Red China every day. We seek out Chinese students for the money that they b

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Iambic pentameter, the most common meter in English language poetry, may be rhymed or unrhymed. When unrhymed it is called blank verse. Shaw is a professor of English at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and also writes poetry, including poems in blank verse. The only difference is that in blank verse the lines would not rhyme. When scansion is used, sometimes only a line or two in a passage are marked. Nevertheless, scansion is employed frequently in the analysis of select passages or lines of verse. As seen above, there are 5 feet 10 syllables in the basic pentameter line. Each foot is composed of two syllables each, in which an unstressed syllable precedes a stressed syllable. This type of foot is called an iamb. Blank verse resembles prose in that the final words of the lines do not rhyme. Unlike prose, there is a pronounced pattern of regularly recurring stressed and unstressed syllables. In traditional blank verse, if you are unsure whether a passage is verse or prose, you can read it aloud in an attempt to detect the rhythmic sound of iambic pentameter. You can also look for visual clues. One is that lines of print do not extend to fill the entire page. Another is that the first word of every line is capitalized without regard to normal rules of punctuation or capitalization. Then might we live together as one life, And reigning with one will in everything Have power on this dark land to lighten it, And power on this dead world to make it live. Shaw stresses that single lines should be viewed in the context of their interaction with other lines, passages, and the poem as a whole. Poet Richard Wilbur states: One thing modern poets do not write, thank heaven, is virtuoso poems of near perfect conformity to basic rhythms, as Byron, Swinburne, and Browning did in their worst moments. By good poets of any age, rhythm is generally varied cleverly and forcefully to abet the expressive purposes of the whole poem. Thus, iambic pentameter need not consist entirely of iambs, nor have exactly five feet or ten syllables per line. If meter is too regular, a poem will almost certainly be considered bad for that reason alone. It would be virtually impossible to write good poetry that way. Nevertheless, such is the conventional wisdom. It is practically impossible to write an English line that will not in some way buck against the meter. Already by the beginning of the 20th century the question arose: At what point does blank verse become free verse? And some have gravitated back and forth. An Encyclopedia of Forms, How loose is too loose? In the early 20th century, the boundary between blank verse and free verse for both readers and poets began to blur. The major disruptors were Ezra Pound and T. Eliot, who, despite their Right-wing political views, were highly antagonistic to traditional verse forms. As a consequence, the free verse revolution produced a new orthodoxy in which some apprentice poets advanced their careers without ever learning the rudiments of traditional prosody. Both men were influential through their poetry. He sounded not like a street-corner ranter but like a Harvard-educated oracle. Cunningham spoke in of the exhaustion of modernism: We have lost the repetitive harmony of the old tradition, and we have not established a new. We have written to vary or violate the old line, for regularity we feel is meaningless and irregularity meaningful. But a generation of poets, acting on the principles and practice of significant variation, have at last nothing to vary from. The last variation is regularity. This is blank verse—“for a line or two, and then it is not. This is the residual effect of modernism, persisting long after modernist pioneers like Pound and Eliot have receded as poetic models. In the pluralistic arena of contemporary poetry we find no consensus on prosody. Traditionally strict blank verse has enjoyed a resurgence in the hands of some New Formalists, but freer approaches to the meter are common and probably still more numerous. Of course, this is just a description of what much recent poetry does. Shaw cites a book on the subject, George T. Shaw briefly discusses modern blank verse drama, noting that it has produced little of enduring interest. Theatrical blank verse had ceased to be a living medium as early as the mids, and never evolved after that. This is one reason why Shakespeare remains the dominant model for stage poetry. By the way, I deliberately used hyperbole in the title of that article for shock effect. It may be asked why I have

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written *The Admirable Bashville* in blank verse. My answer is that I had but a week to write it in. There is an interesting aside about Pulitzer Prize-winning Scots-Irish playwright-in-verse Maxwell Anderson, the author of strident Left-wing social commentaries. He is one of the few successful modern playwrights to make extensive use of blank verse, including the plays *Mary of Scotland*, *Elizabeth the Queen*, *Winterset*, and *Key Largo*. It is unlikely that many viewers of films like *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* or *Key Largo* were aware that they originated as verse plays. The easily dispensable verse never greatly complicated their box office appeal. It is fair to say that the adaptation into films improved them. As a reader, blank verse has never been my preferred form, despite the fact that some of my favorite poems are written in the meter: His translations, still widely read, are considered accurate and pleasurable to read. More recently, blank verse has been used extensively in short lyric poems and even epigrams. Blank Verse and Prose Book-length poems in blank verse, such as the older poems of Edwin Arlington Robinson, are no longer common. A perceived similarity with prose has also been noted, in part because the iambic rhythm is dominant in English speech: This kind of distortion is the worst fault that poetry can have. For a succinct summary of the idea, read the second paragraph here.

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4: Modernist poetry in English - Wikipedia

Academic poet Miller Williams calls blank verse "the major form in the language," and Wikipedia quotes Paul Fussell's Poetic Meter and Poetic Form as estimating that "about three-quarters of all English poetry is blank verse." So it is an important form, although according to Shaw "no one would argue that blank verse has been the.

Eliot, then resident in England, wrote: And finally, there is no longer any tenable distinction to be drawn for the present day between the two literatures. Indeed, in Hamish Henderson would write: To any observers it seemed unlikely that the country could much longer maintain even a facade of national identity. The English imperialist Ascendancy had consolidated itself, with the full acquiescence of the Scottish bourgeoisie, during the course of the nineteenth century, and its domination in academic circles was virtually complete. The indigenous traditions of the people, both Gaelic and Lallans [Lowland Scots], seemed to have been left tattered and defenceless before the big battalions of alien aggression. Modernism 20th century Scottish poetry had two founding fathers and no founding mothers. Together, their theory and practice established a debate that still governs and energizes much of Scottish poetry in English and Scots. It is an exaggeration to say MacDiarmid created the Modern Scottish Renaissance in poetry singlehandedly, but his influence was such that it is impossible to imagine Scottish poetry as it is today without him. What he wanted was not rediscovery of the past but invention of the present, a task he deemed impossible based on available models for the simple reason that under the domination by English Scots had ceased to evolve. No longer used for or exposed to changing intellectual life, it had few new words and had become, at best, a language of feeling rather than thought. It could not express the whole mind of a modern Scot, which was precisely what MacDiarmid wanted to do. His statements about language did not look backwards, toward a lost past, but forward and outward, toward the aesthetic projects of international Modernism. In he wrote: We base our belief in the possibility of a great Scottish literary Renaissance, deriving its strength from the resources that lie latent and almost unsuspected in the Vernacular, upon the fact that the genius of our Vernacular enables us to secure with comparative ease the very effects and swift transitions which other literatures are for the most part unsuccessfully endeavouring to cultivate in languages that have a very different and inferior bias. Not only poetry, but the nation could be remade by language, a project deemed possible because: The Vernacular is a vast unutilized mass of lapsed observation made by minds whose attitudes to experience and whose speculative and imaginative tendencies were quite different from any possible to Englishmen and Anglicized Scots today. It is an ichoate Marcel Proust - a Dostoevskian debris of ideas - an inexhaustible quarry of subtle and significant sound. Unlike Pound or Williams, though, MacDiarmid had to make not only his poetry and his national vision, but language itself. In common with fellow modernists of other nations, MacDiarmid argued that poetry was not created by shaping experience in words; rather, it originated entirely in words. MacDiarmid gave up writing in synthetic Scots by the early s and went on to produce major works in English and in a more colloquial Scots including his greatest work, the book-length sequence *A Drunk Man Looks at a Thistle* , but he never gave up his belief in language itself as the material of thought. To say that MacDiarmid enjoyed argument would be one of the great understatements of literary history. He frequently and deliberately took positions that were not only contrary to those held by his peers but designed to enflame opinion. Among his more unpopular beliefs: His political beliefs also were extreme, anti-democratic, and marked by ill-will toward just about everybody. He was expelled from the Nationalist Party for being a communist, and from the Communist Party for being a nationalist, then rejoined the Communist Party after the USSR invaded Hungary in precisely when other supporters were abandoning the cause. All these characteristics make him a difficult figure for younger poets to embrace, and yet each must reckon with him. His literary heirs must face both aspects of the man and of the heritage he provided. *Flyting*, which translates from Scots literally as scolding, is a tradition of hyperbolic and satirical public argument between poets. *Flyting* dates to the earliest records of court poetry in Scots and is believed to have evolved from similar practices among the Gaelic poets who for

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centuries made their livings by the patronage of kings and chiefs--notorious for their professional jealousies and viper tongues. Flying also provides a uniquely Scottish context for the very public battles the concrete poet Ian Hamilton Finlay has fought with both cultural and taxing authorities regarding the artistic, religious, and financial status of the garden temple at his farm, Little Sparta. The Predicament of the Scottish Writer reprinted Polygon, , in which he traced the faults of Sir Walter Scott, as novelist, to the fact that he came of a nation that was not a nation, a community that was not a community. Every genuine literature, in other words, requires as its condition a means of expression capable of dealing with every thing the mind can think or the imagination conceive. It must be a language for criticism as well as poetry, for abstract speculation as well as fact, and since we live in a scientific age, it must be a language for science as well. A language which can serve for one or two of those purposes but not for the others is, considered as a vehicle for literature, merely an anachronism. Scots has survived to our time as a language for simple poetry and the simpler kind of short story One can go further than this, however, and assert that its very use is proof that the Scottish consciousness is divided. For, reduced to its simplest terms, this linguistic division means that Scotsmen feel in one language and think in another; that their emotions turn to the Scottish tongue, with all its associations of local sentiment, and their minds to a standard English which for them is almost bare of associations other than those of the classroom. If Henryson and Dunbar had written prose they would have written in the same language as they used for poetry, for their minds were still whole; but Burns never thought of doing so, nor did Scott, nor did Stevenson, nor has any Scottish writer since. In an organic literature poetry is always influencing prose, and prose poetry; and their interaction energizes them both. Scottish poetry exists in a vacuum; it neither acts on the rest of literature nor reacts to it; and consequently it has shrunk to the level of anonymous folk song. Hugh MacDiarmid has recently tried to revive it by impregnating it with all the contemporary influences of Europe one after another, and thus galvanize it into life by a series of violent shocks. In carrying out this experiment he has written some remarkable poetry; but he has left Scottish verse very much where it was before. For the major forms of poetry rise from a collision between emotion and intellect on a plane where both meet on equal terms; and it can never come into existence where the poet feels in one language and thinks in another, even though he should subsequently translate his thoughts into the language of his feelings. Scots poetry can only be revived, that is to say, when Scotsmen begin to think naturally in Scots. The curse of Scottish literature is the lack of a whole language, which finally means the lack of a whole mind. Uncongenial though these assertions may be to those engaged in building a national literature, they pose a series of problems and arguments that poets writing in Scots or English must come to terms with, just as they must come to terms with MacDiarmid. Nor has it been clear until recently that Muir would be proved wrong. Only in the last fifteen years has the viability of modern literature in Scots-- that is, literature of a modern sensibility--been demonstrated. Nor has the divided linguistic consciousness Muir so succinctly diagnosed been healed or solved. Rather, in the best new Scots poetry in Modernist and postmodernist modes this issue is kept at the surface, a lens of various translucency and opacity through which all words pass. The Colloquial Tradition Still and all, there are poets for whom MacDiarmid might never have written, poets, for the most part, who continue the indigenous Scottish tradition of demotic verse built on spoken rhythms. The union of the crowns and removal of the court to London in put an end to court patronage in Scotland. The 18th century saw the so-called union of parliaments actually the dissolution of the Scottish Parliament and submission of government to the English parliament , followed by the Jacobite rebellions of and The master poet of the resistance was Robert Fergusson, who published, among other works, "To the Principal Professors of the University of St. Andrews on their superb treat to Dr. Samuel Johnson," a lexical masterpiece directed at the great English poet and dictionary-maker, still celebrated in his own tradition as a proponent and shaper of standard English. His complexity is important today because it allows poets of widely different tendencies to find in him a historical claim to Scottishness and tradition. As a self-educated farmer, Burns occupied an uncomfortably marginal position in the world of letters, one which he learned to exploit with a rare level of sophistication. Notice in the poems how the content of the poem claims humility, marginality, a lack of great

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ambition, while the form is sheer sophistication, as complicated and difficult as any in English. The joke is at the expense of those who fail to notice the irony. He is the great poet of the canon of the disadvantageous beginning, middle, and end, and his metric, his resonance, his irony, the forms he used, are intimate and expressive aspects of his struggle with himself and his society. Burns is a poet of the virtues of excess, the comforts of going over the score, the satisfactions of plain speaking and, indeed, the solace of outspokenness

Note 4 To invent or perfect a poetic stanza is the equivalent of inventing a musical instrument or of being among its instigating virtuosi. Very few invent a significant or acceptable noise, and not many poets invent a stanza which enters the repertoire and is named after them It is possible to think of stanzas, metre, rhyme, and the whole business of versification and prosody, as visions--but of the ear and mind and not of the eye. Its tempo is too quick for meditation, so the voice of the poem stays close to a social surface, demanding an audience predisposed to appreciate a combination of naturalness and inventiveness in rhyme and diction. To quote Douglas Dunn again: Much of the pleasure of [this stanza] derives from the flow of a speaking voice riding over the obstacles of rapidly-disclosed rhyme and line lengths Performance, that is, lies in the audible presence of a voice, the sustained inventiveness of rhyme, and an adroit, resourceful handling of a stanza, the sustained shape of which is sculpted out of air so that it can be felt on the ear. In subject, the Burns stanza tends toward the low-brow: As you read Burns, note too the yoking together of spoken Scots and a sometimes quite highbrow English. I mean, what is "timorous" doing with that "wee, sleekeet, cowran beastie? Nonetheless, by means of his genuine sensitivity to both idioms and traditions, Burns bequeathed to our times a heritage not of opposition between demotic and high art but one of integration and mutual enjoyment. This is underscored by the fact that despite both critical and commercial success with his poems Burns turned increasingly to songwriting and to the collection and revision of traditional songs and airs--which was, in fact, his sole literary occupation by the time of his premature death in

Other collectors, working in the early 19th century, transcribed ballads from singers middle-aged and older who had learned them in their youth. Burns did not concern himself with ballads as much as he did with other song genres, but like most collectors of his day he routinely "improved" texts that came his way. Unlike most collectors, though, Burns was a poet of exceptional talent, so in his case perhaps the quotation marks can be omitted. The Nineteenth Century The 19th century was not a triumph in Scottish poetry. A dehistoricized sentimentalism dominated addresses to the nation, while grandiloquent Victorian diction sat poorly on traditional Scots sensibilities. Still, among the many were the few: Women Poets This generation of women poets includes several archetypes known only too well to feminist literary historians: Women poets have thus far shown little interest in the large and universalizing stances their male counterparts tend to take among these subjects. Their search for a serviceable poetic self tends to remain rooted in contingency, in the daily and the personal. Herbert, two younger poets who, among other aspects of their work, have taken up the mantle of "dictionary Scots. Of this quote, Dunn says: Tetrameter is the dominant line of Scottish poetry so there is from the outset a national stamp about the form--no tetrameter stanza so complicated and culturally significant exists in the English tradition. The short lines give it an odd little flip, and the form overall is well-suited to recitation. This is all the more emphasized as each stanza is generally a single sentence, with syllables depending on the use of masculine or feminine rhymes. Return to text 5 This combination of sensibilities often arises where an audience is familiar with both oral and written traditions. A comparable sensibility can be observed in some African-American poetry. Return to text 6 Compare Wordsworth, who was influenced by Burns but afflicted by the English tradition of separating the high and low arts: Return to the text Selected Bibliography With the exception of Burns, I have not included volumes by individual poets. Poems and Songs of Robert Burns. Harvard Classics, Harvard UP, editions of Representative Books on Line. Self and Territory in Twentieth-Century Poetry. Edinburgh University Press, Twenty of the Best.

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Wystan Hugh Auden was an Anglo-American poet, best known for love poems such as Funeral Blues, poems on political and social themes such as September 1, and The Shield of Achilles, poems on cultural and psychological themes such as The Age of Anxiety, and poems on religious themes such as For the Time Being and Horae Canonicae.

One anomalous figure of the early period of modernism also deserves mention: Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote in a radically experimental prosody about radically conservative ideals not unlike a later Ezra Pound, and he believed that sound could drive poetry. Specifically, poetic sonic effects selected for verbal and aural felicity, not just images selected for their visual evocativeness would also, therefore, become an influential poetic device of modernism. This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. February Learn how and when to remove this template message

The origins of Imagism and cubist poetry are to be found in two poems by T. The poet and critic F. Flint, who was a champion of free verse and modern French poetry, was highly critical of the club and its publications. They started meeting with other poets at the Eiffel Tower restaurant in Soho to discuss reform of contemporary poetry through free verse and the tanka and haiku and the removal of all unnecessary verbiage from poems. Both of these poets were students of the early Greek lyric poetry, especially the works of Sappho. Hulme, which carried a note that saw the first appearance of the word Imagiste in print. Direct treatment of the "thing", whether subjective or objective. To use absolutely no word that does not contribute to the presentation. Complete freedom of subject matter. Free verse was encouraged along with other new rhythms. Common speech language was used, and the exact word was always to be used, as opposed to the almost exact word. In setting these criteria for poetry, the Imagists saw themselves as looking backward to the best practices of pre-Romantic writing. Imagist poets used sharp language and embrace imagery. Their work, however, was to have a revolutionary impact on English-language writing for the rest of the 20th century. Cathay title page In, Pound was contacted by the widow of the recently deceased Orientalist Ernest Fenollosa, who while in Japan had collected word-by-word translations and notes for classical Chinese poems that fit in closely with this program. Chinese grammar offers different expressive possibilities from English grammar, a point that Pound subsequently made much of. In addition to Pound, Flint, H. Lawrence and Marianne Moore. With a few exceptions, this represents a roll-call of English-language modernist poets of the time. After the volume, Pound distanced himself from the group and the remaining anthologies appeared under the editorial control of Amy Lowell. One poet who served in the war, the visual artist David Jones, later resisted this trend in his long experimental war poem "In Parenthesis", which was written directly out of his trench experiences but was not published until The war also tended to undermine the optimism of the Imagists. This was reflected in a number of major poems written in its aftermath. His "Hugh Selwyn Mauberley" represents his farewell to Imagism and lyric poetry in general. Sound poetry emerged in this period as a response to the war. The most famous English-language modernist work arising out of this post-war disillusionment is T. Eliot was an American poet who had been living in London for some time. Although he was never formally associated with the Imagist group, his work was admired by Pound, who, in, helped him publish "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock", which brought him to prominence. When Eliot had completed his original draft of a long poem based on both the disintegration of his personal life and mental stability, and the culture around him, he gave the manuscript, provisionally titled "He Do the Police in Different Voices", to Pound for comment. After some heavy editing, "The Waste Land" in the form in which we now know it was published, and Eliot came to be seen as the voice of a generation. The addition of notes to the published poem served to highlight the use of collage as a literary technique, paralleling similar practice by the cubists and other visual artists. From this point on, modernism in English tended towards a poetry of the fragment that rejected the idea that the poet could present a comfortably coherent view of life. Broken, fragmented and seemingly unrelated slices of imagery come together to form a disjunctive

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anti-narrative. The motif of sight and vision is as central to the poem as it is to modernism; the omni-present character Tiresias acting as a unifying theme. The reader is thrown into confusion, unable to see anything but a heap of broken images. The narrator, however in "The Waste Land" as in other texts, promises to show the reader a different meaning; that is, how to make meaning from dislocation and fragmentation. This construction of an exclusive meaning is essential to modernism. Others and others and brother and mothers[edit] Although London and Paris were key centres of activity for English-language modernists, much important activity took place elsewhere, including early publication in Poetry magazine in America. When Mina Loy moved to New York in 1915, she became part of a circle of writers involved with Others: This magazine, which ran from 1915 to 1917, was edited by Alfred Kreymborg. Contributors also included Pound, Eliot, H. Marianne Moore photographed by Carl Van Vechten, In this, they were placing themselves in a tradition stretching back to Whitman. After her initial association with the Imagists, Marianne Moore carved out a unique niche for herself among 20th-century poets. Much of her poetry is written in syllabic verse, repeating the number of syllables rather than stresses or beats, per line. She also experimented with stanza forms borrowed from troubadour poetry. Indeed, he deprecated the work of both Eliot and Pound as "mannered. Unlike many other modernists, but like the English Romantics, by whom he was influenced, Stevens thought that poetry was what all humans did; the poet was merely self-conscious about the activity. In Scotland, the poet Hugh MacDiarmid formed something of a one-man modernist movement. An admirer of Joyce and Pound, MacDiarmid wrote much of his early poetry in anglicised Lowland Scots, a literary dialect which had also been used by Robert Burns. His later work reflected an increasing interest in found poetry and other formal innovations. In Canada the Montreal Group of modernist poets, including A. Smith, and F. Though the poets of the group made little headway for the next twenty years, they were ultimately successful in establishing a modernist hegemony and canon in that country that would endure until at least the end of the 20th century. The poem itself opens and closes with the act of finding. The poem and the mind become synonymous: During the poem the dyad becomes further collapsed into one: The poem goes from being a static object to being an action. The poem of the mind has to be alternative and listening; it is experimental. The poem resists and refuses transcendentalism, but remains within the conceptual limits of the mind and the poem. Maturity[edit] With the publication of The Waste Land, modernist poetry appeared to have made a breakthrough into wider critical discourse and a broader readership. However, the economic collapse of the late 1920s and early 1930s had a serious negative impact on the new writing. For American writers, living in Europe became more difficult as their incomes lost a great deal of their relative value. While Gertrude Stein, Barney and Joyce remained in the French city, much of the scene they had presided over scattered. Pound was in Italy, Eliot in London, H. The economic depression, combined with the impact of the Spanish Civil War, also saw the emergence, in the Britain of the 1930s, of a more overtly political poetry, as represented by such writers as W. Auden and Stephen Spender. Although nominally admirers of Eliot, these poets tended towards a poetry of radical content but formal conservativeness. For example, they rarely wrote free verse, preferring rhyme and regular stanza patterns in much of their work. Thanks to his influence, Zukofsky was asked to edit a special Objectivist issue of the Chicago-based journal Poetry in 1935 to launch the group. Continuing a tradition established in Paris, Zukofsky, Reznikoff, and Oppen went on to form the Objectivist Press to publish books by themselves and by Williams. In his later work, Zukofsky developed his view of the poem as object to include experimenting with mathematical models for creating poems, producing effects similar to the creation of a Bach fugue or a piece of serial music. A number of Irish poets and writers moved to Paris in the early 1930s to join the circle around James Joyce. These writers were aware of Pound and Eliot, but they were also Francophone and took an interest in contemporary French poetry, especially the surrealists. Like the Objectivists, these poets were relatively neglected by their native literary cultures and had to wait for a revival of interest in British and Irish modernism in the 1950s before their contributions to the development of this alternative tradition were properly assessed. MacDiarmid wrote a number of long poems, including On a Raised Beach, Three Hymns to Lenin and In Memoriam James Joyce, in which he incorporated materials from science, linguistics, history and

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even found poems based on texts from the Times Literary Supplement. This can be seen as paralleling techniques used by modernist artists and composers to similar ends. Other Imagist-associated poets also went on to write long poems. All these poems, to one extent or another, use a range of techniques to blend personal experience with materials from a wide range of cultural and intellectual activities to create collage-like texts on an epic scale. A number of the leading early modernists became known for their right-wing views; these included Eliot, who once described himself as a Royalist, Stein, who supported the Vichy government for a time at least, and, most notoriously, Pound, who, after moving to Italy in the early 1920s, openly admired Benito Mussolini and began to include anti-Semitic sentiments in his writings. He was arrested towards the end of World War II on charges of treason arising out of broadcasts he made on Italian radio during the war but never faced trial because of his mental health. A number of leading modernists took a more left-wing political view. During the 1930s, he was expelled from the former for being a communist and from the latter for being a nationalist although he rejoined the Communist Party in 1945. A number of the British surrealists, especially David Gascoyne, also supported communism. However, she also displayed anti-Semitic views in the notebooks for her book *Tribute to Freud*. As can be seen from this brief survey, although many modernist poets were politically engaged, there is no single political position that can be said to be closely allied to the modernist movement in English-language poetry. These poets came from a wide range of backgrounds and had a wide range of personal experiences and their political stances reflect these facts. Certainly by the 1950s, a new generation of poets had emerged who looked to more formally conservative poets like Thomas Hardy and W. B. Yeats as models and these writers struck a chord with a readership who were uncomfortable with the experimentation and uncertainty preferred by the modernists. Notwithstanding, modernist poetry cannot be positively characterised, there being no mainstream or dominant mode. The influence of modernism can be seen in these poetic groups and movements, especially those associated with the San Francisco Renaissance, the Beat generation, the Black Mountain poets, and the deep image group. Robert Duncan, another Black Mountain poet admired H.

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The only poet to make this list twice, Bukowski was equally skilled in writing a book of fiction as he was in scribbling free-verse poetry. His works are sometimes vulgar, often hilarious, and always brutally honest.

Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back. I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and Iâ€™ I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference. For example, we might imagine a young man choosing between being a carpenter or a banker later seeing great significance in his choice to be a banker, but in fact there was not much in his original decision at all other than a passing fancy. In this, we see the universality of human beings: It is still about this question. The ending is the most clear and striking part. The striving is reconstituted and complicated here in reflection, but our hero wants to make a difference and so should we. That is why this is a great poem, from a basic or close reading perspective. From her beacon-hand Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door! It also has one of the greatest placements in history. Like the Statue of Liberty, the Colossus of Rhodes was an enormous god-like statue positioned in a harbor. Although the Colossus of Rhodes no longer stands, it symbolizes the ancient Greek world and the greatness of the ancient Greek and Roman civilization, which was lost for a thousand years to the West, and only fully recovered again during the Renaissance. The relevance of this poem stretches all the way back to the pilgrims fleeing religious persecution in Europe to the controversies surrounding modern immigrants from Mexico and the Middle East. While circumstances today have changed drastically, there is no denying that this open door was part of what made America great once upon a time. Near them, on the sand, Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown, And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command, Tell that its sculptor well those passions read Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things, The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed: And on the pedestal these words appear: Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair! Round the decay Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare The lone and level sands stretch far away. This king is still regarded as the greatest and most powerful Egyptian pharaoh. The image of a dictator-like king whose kingdom is no more creates a palpable irony. But, beyond that there is a perennial lesson about the inescapable and destructive forces of time, history, and nature. In terms of lost civilizations that show the ephemerality of human pursuits, there is no better example than the Egyptiansâ€™ who we associate with such dazzling monuments as the Sphinx and the Great Pyramid at Giza that stands far taller than the Statue of Liberty â€™ yet who completely lost their spectacular language, culture, and civilization. If all ordinary pursuits, such as power and fame, are but dust, what remains, the poem suggests, are spirituality and moralityâ€™ embodied by the ancient Hebrew faith. What men or gods are these? What struggle to escape? What pipes and timbrels? Fair youth, beneath the trees, thou canst not leave Thy song, nor ever can those trees be bare; Bold Lover, never, never canst thou kiss, Though winning near the goal yet, do not grieve; She cannot fade, though thou hast not thy bliss, For ever wilt thou love, and she be fair! Ah, happy, happy boughs! Who are these coming to the sacrifice? What little town by river or sea shore, Or mountain-built with peaceful citadel, Is emptied of this folk, this pious morn? The art on the Grecian urnâ€™ which is basically a decorative pot from ancient Greeceâ€™ has survived for thousands of years. While empires rose and fell, the Grecian urn survived. Musicians, trees, lovers, heifers, and priests all continue dying decade after decade and century after century, but their artistic depictions on the Grecian urn live on for what seems eternity. This realization about the timeless nature of art is not new now nor was it in the s, but Keats has chosen a perfect example since ancient Greek civilization so famously disappeared into the ages, being subsumed by the Romans, and mostly lost until the Renaissance a thousand years later. Further, what is depicted on the Grecian urn is a variety of life that makes the otherwise cold urn feel alive and vibrant. Indeed, the last two lines can be read as the urn itself talking: Thus, we can escape ignorance, humanness, and certain death and approach another form of life

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and truth through the beauty of art. This effectively completes the thought that began in Ozymandias and makes this a great poem one notch up from its predecessor. In what distant deeps or skies. Burnt the fire of thine eyes? On what wings dare he aspire? What the hand, dare seize the fire? And what shoulder, and what art, Could twist the sinews of thy heart? And when thy heart began to beat, What dread hand? Did he smile his work to see? Did he who made the Lamb make thee? Tiger Tiger burning bright, In the forests of the night: What immortal hand or eye, Dare frame thy fearful symmetry? Meaning of the Poem This poem contemplates a question arising from the idea of creation by an intelligent creator. The question is this: If there is a loving, compassionate God or gods who created human beings and whose great powers exceed the comprehension of human beings, as many major religions hold, then why would such a powerful being allow evil into the world. Evil here is represented by a tiger that might, should you be strolling in the Indian or African wild in the s, have leapt out and killed you. What would have created such a dangerous and evil creature? To put it another way, why would such a divine blacksmith create beautiful innocent children and then also allow such children to be slaughtered. The battery of questions brings this mystery to life with lavish intensity. Does Blake offer an answer to this question of evil from a good God? It would seem not on the surface. The answer comes in the way that Blake explains the question. This indirectly tells us that the reality that we ordinarily know and perceive is really insufficient, shallow, and deceptive. Where we perceive the injustice of the wild tiger something else entirely may be transpiring. What we ordinarily take for truth may really be far from it: Thus, this poem is great because it concisely and compellingly presents a question that still plagues humanity today, as well as a key clue to the answer. But Patience, to prevent That murmur, soon replies: They also serve who only stand and wait. His eyesight gradually worsened and he became totally blind at the age of To put it simply, Milton rose to the highest position an English writer might at the time and then sank all the way down to a state of being unable read or write on his own. The genius of this poem comes in the way that Milton transcends the misery he feels. First, he frames himself, not as an individual suffering or lonely, but as a failed servant to the Creator: While Milton is disabled, God here is enabled through imagery of a king commanding thousands. This celestial monarch, his ministers and troops, and his kingdom itself are invisible to human eyes anyway, so already Milton has subtly undone much of his failing by subverting the necessity for human vision. This grand mission from heaven may be as simple as standing and waiting, having patience, and understanding the order of the universe. Thus, this is a great poem because Milton has not only dispelled sadness over a major shortcoming in life but also shown how the shortcoming is itself imbued with an extraordinary and uplifting purpose. For the soul is dead that slumbers, And things are not what they seem. And the grave is not its goal; Dust thou art, to dust returnest, Was not spoken of the soul. Not enjoyment, and not sorrow, Is our destined end or way; But to act, that each tomorrow Find us farther than today. Art is long, and Time is fleeting, And our hearts, though stout and brave, Still, like muffled drums, are beating Funeral marches to the grave. Be a hero in the strife! Let the dead Past bury its dead! Act,â€”act in the living Present! Let us, then, be up and doing, With a heart for any fate; Still achieving, still pursuing, Learn to labor and to wait. Meaning of the Poem In this nine-stanza poem, the first six stanzas are rather vague since each stanza seems to begin a new thought. Instead, the emphasis here is on a feeling rather than a rational train of thought. Longfellow lived when the Industrial Revolution was in high gear and the ideals of science, rationality, and reason flourished. From this perspective, the fact that the first six stanzas do not follow a rational train of thought makes perfect sense. The last three stanzasâ€”which, having broken free from science by this point in the poem, read more smoothlyâ€”suggest that this acting for lofty purposes can lead to greatness and can help our fellow man. We might think of the entire poem as a clarion call to do great things, however insignificant they may seem in the present and on the empirically observable surface. That may mean writing a poem and entering it into a poetry contest, when you know the chances of your poem winning are very small; risking your life for something you believe in when you know it is not popular or it is misunderstood; or volunteering for a cause that, although it may seem hopeless, you feel is truly important. Thus, the greatness of this poem lies in its ability to so clearly prescribe a method for greatness in our modern world. Continuous as the stars

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that shine And twinkle on the milky way, They stretched in never-ending line Along the margin of a bay: Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance. The waves beside them danced; but they Out-did the sparkling waves in glee: A poet could not but be gay, In such a jocund company: I gazed—and gazed—but little thought What wealth the show to me had brought: For oft, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye Which is the bliss of solitude; And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils. First, the poem comes at a time when the Western world is industrializing and man feels spiritually lonely in the face of an increasingly godless worldview. The daffodils then become more than nature; they become a companion and a source of personal joy.

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Scotland in the Early Middle Ages The first part of the text from the Gododdin from the Book of Aneirin, sixth century Much of the earliest Welsh literature was actually composed in or near the country now called Scotland, in the Brythonic speech, from which Welsh would be derived. These works were only written down in Wales much later. These include The Gododdin , considered the earliest surviving verse from Scotland, which is attributed to the bard Aneirin , said to have been resident in Bythonic kingdom of Gododdin in the sixth century. It is a series of elegies to the men of the Gododdin killed fighting at the Battle of Catraeth around AD. Similarly, the Battle of Gwen Ystrad is attributed to Taliesin , traditionally thought to be a bard at the court of Rheged in roughly the same period. Ninian , written in Latin in Whithorn , perhaps as early as the eighth century. Scotland in the High Middle Ages Picture from a fourteenth-century illuminated manuscript of the Roman de Fergus The Kingdom of Alba was overwhelmingly an oral society dominated by Gaelic culture. Our fuller sources for Ireland of the same period suggest that there would have been filidh , who acted as poets, musicians and historians, often attached to the court of a lord or king, and passed on their knowledge and culture in Gaelic to the next generation. After this "de-gallicisation" of the Scottish court, a less highly regarded order of bards took over the functions of the filidh and they would continue to act in a similar role in the Highlands and Islands into the eighteenth century. They often trained in bardic schools, of which a few, like the one run by the MacMhuirich dynasty, who were bards to the Lord of the Isles , [9] existed in Scotland and a larger number in Ireland, until they were suppressed from the seventeenth century. His Heading for Damietta c. Owen, to have been written in Scotland. Beside Scottish Gaelic verse it contains a large number of poems composed in Ireland as well verse and prose in Scots and Latin. The subject matter includes love poetry, heroic ballads and philosophical pieces. It also is notable for containing poetry by at least four women. They were probably influenced by Scots versions of popular French romances that were also produced in the period, including The Buik of Alexander , Launcelot o the Laik , The Porteous of Noblenes by Gilbert Hay [10] and Greysteil , which would remain popular in to the late sixteenth century. Many of the makars had university education and so were also connected with the Kirk. The Bannatyne Manuscript was collated by George Bannatyne " around and contains the work of many Scots poets who would otherwise be unknown. These included Robert Henryson c. William Dunbar " produced satires, lyrics, invectives and dream visions that established the vernacular as a flexible medium for poetry of any kind. Gavin Douglas " , who became Bishop of Dunkeld , injected Humanist concerns and classical sources into his poetry. It was the first complete translation of a major classical text in an Anglian language, finished in , but overshadowed by the disaster at Flodden that brought the reign to an end. He wrote elegiac narratives, romances and satires. The Kirk, heavily influenced by Calvinism , also discouraged poetry that was not devotional in nature. Nevertheless poets from this period included Richard Maitland of Lethington " , who produced meditative and satirical verses in the style of Dunbar; John Rolland fl. His treatise, Some Rules and Cautions to be Observed and Eschewed in Scottish Prosody , published in when he was aged 18, was both a poetic manual and a description of the poetic tradition in his mother tongue, to which he applied Renaissance principles. Later poets that followed in this vein included William Alexander c. A number of Scottish poets, including William Alexander, John Murray and Robert Aytoun accompanied the king to London, where they continued to write, [31] but they soon began to anglicise their written language. While Classical poetry used a language largely fixed in the twelfth century, the vernacular continued to develop. In contrast to the Classical tradition, which used syllabic metre , vernacular poets tended to use stressed metre. However, they shared with the Classic poets a set of complex

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metaphors and a common role, as the verse was still often panegyric. A number of these vernacular poets were women, [36] such as Mary MacLeod of Harris c. Some ballads may date back to the late Medieval era and deal with events and people, such as " Sir Patrick Spens " and " Thomas the Rhymer ", that can be traced back as far as the thirteenth century, but in verses that were not recorded until the modern era. Allan Ramsay " was the most important literary figure of the era, often described as leading a "vernacular revival". He laid the foundations of a reawakening of interest in older Scottish literature, publishing *The Ever Green* , a collection that included many major poetic works of the Stewart period. These included William Hamilton of Gilbertfield c. *Fingal* written in was speedily translated into many European languages, and its deep appreciation of natural beauty and the melancholy tenderness of its treatment of the ancient legend did more than any single work to bring about the Romantic movement in European, and especially in German , literature, influencing Herder and Goethe. His work often celebrated his native Edinburgh, as in his best known poem "Auld Reekie" An Ayrshire poet and lyricist, he is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland and a major figure in the Romantic movement. As well as making original compositions, Burns also collected folk songs from across Scotland, often revising or adapting them. His poem and song " Auld Lang Syne " is often sung at Hogmanay the last day of the year , and " Scots Wha Hae " served for a long time as an unofficial national anthem of the country. Some of his works, such as "Love and Liberty" also known as "The Jolly Beggars" , are written in both Scots and English for various effects. Her poem *Irene* adapts the Spenserian stanza to reflect natural patterns of speech. William Edmondstone Aytoun "65 , eventually appointed Professor of belles lettres at the University of Edinburgh , is best known for *The Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers* and made use of the ballad form in his poems, including *Bothwell*. Among the most successful Scottish poets was the Glasgow-born Thomas Campbell " , whose produced patriotic British songs, including "Ye Mariners of England", a reworking of " Rule Britannia! His works were extensively reprinted in the period " The theme of homeland became prominent. MacDiarmid attempted to revive the Scots language as a medium for serious literature in poetic works including " *A Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle* " , developing a form of Synthetic Scots that combined different regional dialects and archaic terms. Others demonstrated a greater interest in English language poetry, among them Norman MacCaig "96 , George Bruce " and Maurice Lindsay " He was also the first Scots Makar the official national poet , appointed by the inaugural Scottish government in His work inspired a new generation to take up *neua bhàrdachd* the new poetry. They all focused on the issues of exile, the fate of the Gaelic language and bi-culturalism. His most personal work is contained in the collection of *Elegies* , which deal with the death of his first wife from cancer. Lambdin, *Encyclopedia of Medieval Literature* London:

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