

# WALT WHITMAN, WHERE THE FUTURE BECOMES PRESENT (IOWA WHITMAN SERIES) pdf

## 1: Song of the Broad-Axe by Walt Whitman

*Walt Whitman, Where the Future Becomes Present invigorates Whitman studies by garnering insights from a diverse group of writers and intellectuals. Writing from the perspectives of art history, political theory, creative writing, and literary criticism, the contributors place Whitman in the center of both world literature and American public life.*

Embedding articles is subject to our Terms of use. Whitman, Walt, Summary Article: His mother was a Quaker, whose spiritual temperament and working-class values had a profound influence on his poetry. His father was a house builder and ardent Jacksonian Democrat, who embraced the political philosophy of Tom Paine and subscribed to the *Free Inquirer*, a radical working-class journal edited by Frances Wright and Robert Dale Owen. Raised among seven brothers and sisters, some of whose very names—Andrew Jackson, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson—embodied the revolutionary and democratic ideals of his family, Whitman early developed a sense of self that was bound up with the political ideals of the nation. Throughout the s he contributed poems and stories to various newspapers and journals, including the *Democratic Review*, the literary organ of the Democratic Party. The publication of *Leaves of Grass* on or about July 4, , was an act at once of cultural revolution and a continuation of politics by other means. Breaking down the distinction between prose and poetry, his verse rolls freely and rhythmically across the page, without meter, rhyme, or stanza division. He celebrates himself, sex, and the city. The six editions of *Leaves of Grass* that Whitman published between and are linked by a common experiment in the poetics of democracy, at the same time that each is shaped by the urgencies of its particular historical moment. In he met Peter Doyle, a Washington streetcar conductor, with whom he formed an intense and loving relationship that lasted many years. Although *Drum-Taps* and *Sequel* were added in the *Leaves*, it was not until the publication of the edition of *Leaves* that Whitman was able to incorporate his war poems into the body of his poetic work. In the post-Civil War period, Whitman undertook a sustained meditation on the diseases and uncertain future of democracy in America in his important political pamphlet, *Democratic Vistas*. In he published *Specimen Days and Collect*, a prose companion to his poems that collects his early tales and other prose pieces along with his memoranda of the Civil War and personal reflections on his life and times. Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress. Walt Whitman age Frontispiece to first edition of *Leaves of Grass*. Based on photo by Gabriel Harrison. Feinberg-Whitman Collection, Library of Congress. *A Critical Biography of Walt Whitman*, rev. The Sesquicentennial Essays Univ. Blake, David Haven; Michael Robertson, eds. Erkkila, Betsy; Jay Grossman, eds. *Whitman and American Cultural Studies* Oxford Loving, Jerome, *Walt Whitman: The Song of Himself* Univ. Maslan, Mark, *Whitman Possessed: The Measure of His Song*, 2d ed. Press [a superb collection of responses to Whitman by poets in the Americas and abroad]. *A Cultural Biography* Knopf

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### 3: Walt Whitman, Where the Future Becomes Present : David Haven Blake :

*Walt Whitman, Where the Future Becomes Present (Iowa Whitman Series) (1st Edition) Past and present and future are not disjoined but joined. Walt Whitman.*

The second of nine children, [4] he was immediately nicknamed "Walt" to distinguish him from his father. The oldest was named Jesse and another boy died unnamed at the age of six months. Whitman served as publisher, editor, pressman, and distributor and even provided home delivery. After ten months, he sold the publication to E. Crowell, whose first issue appeared on July 12, After a local preacher called him a "Sodomite", Whitman was allegedly tarred and feathered. Biographer Justin Kaplan notes that the story is likely untrue, because Whitman regularly vacationed in the town thereafter. In these essays, he adopted a constructed persona, a technique he would employ throughout his career. Abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison derided the party philosophy as "white manism. Present-day writers have called Manly Health and Training "quirky", [39] "so over the top", [40] "a pseudoscientific tract", [41] and "wacky". Leaves of Grass Whitman claimed that after years of competing for "the usual rewards", he determined to become a poet. The succeeding untitled twelve poems totaled linesâ€” lines belonging to the first untitled poem, later called " Song of Myself ". The book received its strongest praise from Ralph Waldo Emerson , who wrote a flattering five-page letter to Whitman and spoke highly of the book to friends. Though the second edition was already printed and bound, the publisher almost did not release it. Whitmore", which Whitman worried was a reference to his brother George. Chase , Secretary of the Treasury, hoping he would grant Whitman a position in that department. Chase, however, did not want to hire the author of such a disreputable book as Leaves of Grass. Today, it is open to the public as the Walt Whitman House. After suffering a paralytic stroke in early , Whitman was induced to move from Washington to the home of his brotherâ€”George Washington Whitman, an engineerâ€”at Stevens Street in Camden, New Jersey. His mother, having fallen ill, was also there and died that same year in May. Both events were difficult for Whitman and left him depressed. While in residence there he was very productive, publishing three versions of Leaves of Grass among other works. He was also last fully physically active in this house, receiving both Oscar Wilde and Thomas Eakins. His other brother, Edward, an "invalid" since birth, lived in the house. When his brother and sister-in-law were forced to move for business reasons, he bought his own house at Mickle Street now Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During this time, he began socializing with Mary Oakes Davisâ€”the widow of a sea captain. She was a neighbor, boarding with a family in Bridge Avenue just a few blocks from Mickle Street. She brought with her a cat, a dog, two turtledoves, a canary, and other assorted animals. While in Southern New Jersey , Whitman spent a good portion of his time in the then quite pastoral community of Laurel Springs , between and , converting one of the Stafford Farm buildings to his summer home. The restored summer home has been preserved as a museum by the local historical society. Part of his Leaves of Grass was written here, and in his Specimen Days he wrote of the spring, creek and lake. To him, Laurel Lake was "the prettiest lake in: I have no relief, no escape: Problems playing this file? Whitman died on March 26, The cause of death was officially listed as " pleurisy of the left side, consumption of the right lung, general miliary tuberculosis and parenchymatous nephritis. He once stated he did not taste "strong liquor" until he was 30 [] and occasionally argued for prohibition. He denied any one faith was more important than another, and embraced all religions equally. An Encyclopedia classes him as one of several figures who "took a more pantheist or pandeist approach by rejecting views of God as separate from the world. His poetry depicts love and sexuality in a more earthy, individualistic way common in American culture before the medicalization of sexuality in the late 19th century. Some biographers have suggested that he may not have actually engaged in sexual relationships with males, [] while others cite letters, journal entries, and other sources that they claim as proof of the sexual nature of some of his relationships. Interviewed in , Doyle said: He did not get out at the end of the tripâ€”in fact went all the way back with me. In , Edward Carpenter told Gavin Arthur of a sexual encounter in his

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youth with Whitman, the details of which Arthur recorded in his journal. As a teenager, he lived on the same street in Camden and moved in with Whitman, living with him a number of years and serving him in various roles. Duckett was 15 when Whitman bought his house at Mickle Street. From at least , Duckett and his grandmother, Lydia Watson, were boarders, subletting space from another family at Mickle Street. Because of this proximity, Duckett and Whitman met as neighbors. Whitman described their friendship as "thick". Though some biographers describe him as a boarder, others identify him as a lover. Whitman gave Stafford a ring, which was returned and re-given over the course of a stormy relationship lasting several years. Of that ring, Stafford wrote to Whitman, "You know when you put it on there was but one thing to part it from me, and that was death. He had a romantic friendship with a New York actress, Ellen Grey, in the spring of , but it is not known whether it was also sexual. He still had a photograph of her decades later, when he moved to Camden, and he called her "an old sweetheart of mine". This claim has never been corroborated. Is not nakedness indecent? It is your thought, your sophistication, your fear, your respectability, that is indecent. There come moods when these clothes of ours are not only too irksome to wear, but are themselves indecent. Shakespeare authorship Whitman was an adherent of the Shakespeare authorship question , refusing to believe in the historical attribution of the works to William Shakespeare of Stratford-upon-Avon. In , he wrote that the abolitionists had, in fact, slowed the advancement of their cause by their " ultraism and officiousness". Whitman also subscribed to the widespread opinion that even free African-Americans should not vote [] and was concerned at the increasing number of African-Americans in the legislature. As George Hutchinson and David Drews further suggest in an essay "Racial attitudes", "Clearly, Whitman could not consistently reconcile the ingrained, even foundational, racist character of the United States with its egalitarian ideals. He could not even reconcile such contradictions in his own psyche. He did not, at least not consistently; nonetheless his poetry has been a model for democratic poets of all nations and races, right up to our own day. How Whitman could have been so prejudiced, and yet so effective in conveying an egalitarian and antiracist sensibility in his poetry, is a puzzle yet to be adequately addressed. If you are American, then Walt Whitman is your imaginative father and mother, even if, like myself, you have never composed a line of verse. You can nominate a fair number of literary works as candidates for the secular Scripture of the United States. Some, like Oscar Wilde and Edward Carpenter , viewed Whitman both as a prophet of a utopian future and of same-sex desire " the passion of comrades. This aligned with their own desires for a future of brotherly socialism. The group subsequently became known as the Bolton Whitman Fellowship or Whitmanites. Whitman was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame in , [] and, in , he was inducted into the Legacy Walk , an outdoor public display that celebrates LGBT history and people.

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