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Poesía y Naturaleza: un recorrido con varios poetas en inglés, del siglo XIX a la actualidad



#### LINES WRITTEN A FEW MILES ABOVE TINTERN ABBEY,

## On revisiting the banks of the Wye during a tour, July 13, 1798

Five years have passed; five summers, with the length Of five long winters! and again I hear These waters, rolling from their mountain-springs With a sweet inland murmur.\* — Once again Do I behold these steep and lofty cliffs, Which on a wild secluded scene impress Thoughts of more deep seclusion; and connect The landscape with the quiet of the sky. [...]

Though absent long,
These forms of beauty have not been to me,
As is a landscape to a blind man's eye:
But oft, in lonely rooms, and mid the din
Of towns and cities, I have owed to them,
In hours of weariness, sensations sweet,
Felt in the blood, and felt along the heart,
[...]

that blessed mood,
In which the burthen of the mystery,
In which the heavy and the weary weight
Of all this unintelligible world
Is lighten'd: — that serene and blessed mood,
In which the affections gently lead us on,
Until, the breath of this corporeal frame,
And even the motion of our human blood
Almost suspended, we are laid asleep
In body, and become a living soul:
While with an eye made quiet by the power
Of harmony, and the deep power of joy,
We see into the life of things.
[...]

For I have learned
To look on nature, not as in the hour
Of thoughtless youth, but hearing oftentimes
The still, sad music of humanity,
Nor harsh nor grating, though of ample power
To chasten and subdue. And I have felt
A presence that disturbs me with the joy
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime
Of something far more deeply interfused,
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,
And the round ocean, and the living air,
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man,
A motion and a spirit, that impels

All thinking things, all objects of all thought, And rolls through all things.

[...]

For thou art with me, here, upon the banks Of this fair river; thou, my dearest Friend, My dear, dear Friend, and in thy voice I catch The language of my former heart, and read My former pleasures in the shooting lights Of thy wild eyes. Oh! yet a little while May I behold in thee what I was once, My dear, dear Sister!

Therefore let the moon Shine on thee in thy solitary walk: And let the misty mountain winds be free To blow against thee: and in after years, When these wild ecstasies shall be matured Into a sober pleasure, when thy mind Shall be a mansion for all lovely forms, Thy memory be as a dwelling-place For all sweet sounds and harmonies; Oh! then, If solitude, or fear, or pain, or grief, Should be thy portion, with what healing thoughts Of tender joy wilt thou remember me, And these my exhortations! Nor, perchance, If I should be, where I no more can hear Thy voice, nor catch from thy wild eyes these gleams Of past existence, wilt thou then forget That on the banks of this delightful stream We stood together; and that I, so long A worshipper of Nature, hither came, Unwearied in that service: rather say With warmer love, oh! with far deeper zeal Of holier love. Nor wilt thou then forget, That after many wanderings, many years Of absence, these steep woods and lofty cliffs, And this green pastoral landscape, were to me More dear, both for themselves, and for thy sake.

# WILLIAM WORDSWORTH (W. Wordsworth, S. T. Coleridge *Lyrical Ballads* 1798)

http://www.rc.umd.edu/editions/LB/editions.LB.2015.0025 1798-1.html
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08ggFhBafUg
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/media/File:Tintern-abbey-by-william-havell.jpg

#### **TO AUTUMN**

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
 With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
 And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
 To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
 And still more, later flowers for the bees,
 Until they think warm days will never cease,
 For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river sallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

#### JOHN KEATS (1819)

(Lamia, Isabella, the Eve of St Agnes and Other Poems 1820)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZwSqndKwDw
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John Keats - To Autumn Manuscript 1 unrestored.jpg
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:John Keats - To Autumn Manuscript 2 unrestored.jpg

#### From The Waste Land

The river's tent is broken: the last fingers of leaf Clutch and sink into the wet bank. The wind Crosses the brown land, unheard. The nymphs are departed. Sweet Thames, run softly, till I end my song. The river bears no empty bottles, sandwich papers, Silk handkerchiefs, cardboard boxes, cigarette ends Or other testimony of summer nights. The nymphs are departed. And their friends, the loitering heirs of city directors; Departed, have left no addresses.

T.S. ELIOT (III. The Fire Sermon 173-181 *The Waste Land* 1922)

http://www.archive.org/stream/wasteland00elio#page/26/mode/2up

There, in a meadow, by the river's side. A flock of nymphs I chanced to espy, All lovely daughters of the flood thereby, With goodly greenish locks, all loose untied, As each had been a bride; And each one had a little wicker basket, Made of fine twigs, entrailed curiously, In which they gathered flowers to fill their flasket, And with fine fingers cropt full featously The tender stalks on high. Of every sort, which in that meadow grew, They gathered some; the violet pallid blue, The little daisy, that at evening closes, The virgin lily, and the primrose true, With store of vermeil roses, To deck their bridegrooms' posies Against the bridal day, which was not long: Sweet Thames, run softly, till I end my song. [...]

EDMUND SPENSER (*Prothalamion* 1596)

https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45217/prothalamion-56d224a0e2feb

#### THE HORSES

I climbed through woods in the hour-before-dawn dark. Evil air, a frost-making stillness,

Not a leaf, not a bird—
A world cast in frost. I came out above the wood

Where my breath left tortuous statues in the iron light. But the valleys were draining the darkness

Till the moorline— blackening dregs of the brightening grey—Halved the sky ahead. And I saw the horses:

Huge in the dense grey— ten together— Megalith-still. They breathed, making no move,

With draped manes and tilted hind-hooves, Making no sound.

I passed: not one snorted or jerked its head. Grey silent fragments Of a grey still world.

I listened in emptiness on the moor-ridge. The curlew's tear turned its edge on the silence.

Slowly detail leafed from the darkness. Then the sun Orange, red, red erupted

Silently, and splitting to its core tore and flung cloud, Shook the gulf open, showed blue,

And the big planets hanging—I turned

Stumbling in a fever of a dream, down towards The dark woods, from the kindling tops,

And came the horses. There, still they stood, But now steaming, and glistening under the flow of light,

Their draped stone manes, their tilted hind-hooves Stirring under a thaw while all around them

The frost showed its fires. But still they made no sound. Not one snorted or stamped,

Their hung heads patient as the horizons, High over valleys, in the red levelling rays—

In din of the crowded streets, going among the years, the faces, May I still meet my memory in so lonely a place

Between the streams and the red clouds, hearing curlews, Hearing the horizons endure.

TED HUGHES (*The Hawk in the Rain* 1957)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mytholmroyd#/media/File:Mytholmroyd vista.jpg

### **BROAGH**

Riverbank, the long rigs ending in broad docken and a canopied pad down to the ford.

The garden mould bruised easily, the shower gathering in your heelmark was the black *O* 

in *Broagh*, its low-tattoo among the windy boortrees and rhubarb-blades

ended almost suddenly, like that last *gh* the strangers found difficult to manage.

SEAMUS HEANEY (Wintering Out 1972)

http://www.logainm.ie/en/58419 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aykv6QCWaEc [2:03]

#### **THE PRESENT**

I shove up through the old plantation — larch out of season, drab, drained of all greenness, widowed princesses in moth-eaten furs — and stride out onto the lap of the moor. Rotten and rusted, a five-bar gate lies felled in the mud, letting the fields escape.

Winter is late, and light this year, thin snow half puddled, sun still trapped in the earth, sludge underfoot all the way to the ridge.

And no sign of the things I came here to find, except in a high nick at the valley head where a wet north-facing lintel of rock has cornered and cupped enough of the wind for dripping water to freeze. Icicles:

once, I unrooted some six-foot tusk from the waterfall's crystallised overhang, lowered it down and stood it on end, then stared at an ice age locked in its glassy depths, at far hills bottled in its weird lens.

These are brittle and timid and rare, and weep in my gloved fist as I ferry them home. I'd wanted to offer my daughter a taste of the glacier, a sense of the world being pinned in place by a diamond-like cold at each pole, but I open my hand and there's nothing to pass on, nothing to hold.

SIMON ARMITAGE (*The Unaccompanied* 2017)

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