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Beauties of Cowper To Which Are Prefixed, a Life of the Author and Observations on His Writings by William Cowper To Which Are Prefixed, a Life of the Author and Observations on His Writings by William Cowper.

During his lifetime, his status was sufficient to induce the painter George Romney to sketch his portrait which now hangs in the National Portrait Gallery and for which Cowper penned a thank-you poem. Today, the poet is remembered primarily for the hymns he wrote for the Olney Hymnal in collaboration with his pastor and friend John Newton. Along with Newton, Cowperâ€”towards the end of his lifeâ€”also enjoyed a friendly relationship with the abolitionist crusader William Wilberforce to whom he wrote a poem of encouragement. Along with Wilberforce, Cowper shared a love of animals Wilberforce organized the first SPCA and a deep attachment to rural life along with a profound appreciation for the beauty of natureâ€”all of which feature prominently in his poems. Both men also experienced great suffering throughout their lives. For Wilberforce it was emotional and physical weakness, for Cowper it was severe, episodic, suicidal depression. Like other so-called protestant Divines such as Milton, Blake, and Donne, Cowper infused his poetry with commentary on human nature and lessons in moral character. Although his longer poemsâ€”most of which were written in blank verseâ€”set serious themes in ordinary settings, many of his shorter poems reflect the sort of keen wit and wry humor usually associated with Burns and Samuel Johnson whom Cowper admired and for whom he wrote an epitaph. Take, for example, his short poem, *On Observing Some Names of Little Note*, in which he pricks the fleeting fame of both the poor and obscure andâ€”by implicationâ€”the rich and famous as follows: Oh, fond attempt to give a deathless lot To names ignoble born to be forgot! In vain, recorded in historic page, They court the notice of a future age: And there, scarce less illustrious, goes the clerk! In this poem, comprised of 63 quatrains, Cowper tells the story of a man who, despite his meticulous plans, loses control of his horse, leaves his wife behind and ends up ten miles beyond his intended destination. The poem is a classic example of how to employ verbal overkill to squeeze out as many laughs as possible. The final lines even manage to meld both Cowper and the British throne into the comedy: In *To a Mouse*, Robert Burns makes the same sardonic point: Should John wed a score, oh, the claws and the scratches! To which Cowper added this footnote: It was a blunder hardly pardonable in a man who has lived amid fields and meadows, grazed by sheep, almost these thirty years. I have accordingly satirized myself in two stanzas which I composed last night, while I lay awake, tormented with pain, and well dosed with laudanum. If you find them not very brilliant, therefore, you will know how to account for it. The poem concludes as follows:

Chapter 2 : Mary Cowper - Wikipedia

the beauties of cowper; or, extracts who the works of that great poet; for the use of schools, and the instruction and amusement of young persons of both sexes. [John.

Cowper suffered from chronic depression. Early losses, his personality, and his family history all contributed to his illness. Four times he broke down completely for a long period. Once he was hospitalized in a mental institution, and in later episodes friends cared for him around the clock for months. Amazingly, in between his breakdowns, Cowper did have moments of joy his own word and productivity. He valiantly swam against the current. How did he keep swimming when he felt sad and overwhelmed? I am not a doctor, and this is not medical advice. Yet sadly he experienced many doubts about his own salvation. Cowper finally realized that he needed to live a very quiet, simple life in the country, and he became much more stable. He was mostly supported by friends and relatives, and later received income from his writing. A life of joy rests upon the discovery of what I, and I alone, am meant to do, and then doing it with all my heart. He lived for many years with the widowed Mrs. He found much joy in these relationships and in writing letters to friends. Regular Routines of Exercise and Work Cowper went for daily walks, sometimes as long as four miles. He gardened, built a tiny greenhouse, did carpentry projects, learned to draw, and cared for animals, including three baby hares, rescued from the hunters. Doctors today tell us that regular exercise, sunshine, and active work are crucial for those suffering from depression. Worship Music Cowper and Newton wrote a book of hymns together. Evangelical Anglicans were just beginning to introduce hymns into their Psalm-singing churches. Cowper believed that music should be used to help us worship God, not just to appeal to the senses. He often referred to poetry as music. I think in his time popular poetry functioned somewhat like popular music does in our modern world, and of course songs are generally poetry set to music! Educated people, including Jane Austen, were very familiar with popular poems, though they were often book-length. They could quote lines or phrases which others would recognize and know their context and emotional impact, much as we might quote popular songs. Creativity Creative expression can help relieve sadness. He said it suppressed the negative thoughts that tortured him. He mostly wrote in winter; the darkness dragged him down we might call that Seasonal Affective Disorder , but writing helped him cope and be happy. Cowper wrote both to entertain himself and others, and to do good. Once when he was feeling low, his friend Lady Austen told him a funny story to cheer him up. Austen also satirized the issues she saw in her society, in a lighter way, in her novels a few years later. The sense that through his work Cowper was contributing something to society, making a difference in the world, also, I believe, brought him joy. Cowper participated in many acts of charity. He did not have his own money, but others would send him money for the poor, and he distributed it to those most in need; another means of making a difference. Sadly, he died in his last bout of severe depression and mental illness. He did, however, live to the age of 68, and left a legacy of poetry and letters. He taught that some good could come from suffering. Cowper wrote in his most famous hymn: There can be light shining through the darkness. May you have a joy-filled New Year, whatever your circumstances may be! Which of these sources of joy help you most in times of struggle? Sources A Portrait of William Cowper: The Works of William Cowper , edited by T. The Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney, in southern England, is a fascinating place to visit if you ever get a chance.

Chapter 3 : Beauties of Cowper

*Beauties Of Cowper: To Which Are Prefixed, A Life Of The Author And Observations On His Writings () [William Cowper] on www.nxgvision.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. This scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original.*

They must have been there more than 75 years and I never heard about it. Over and over he rambled about his Harley with one explosion per km, etc. As they have nerves in them, are they the cause of the bad lowdown feeling I have seeing, for instance a soccer player getting hit in the groin with a ball? I assume you mean semen, not sperm. Your sperm make up less than 10 percent of your ejaculation, and their quantity and quality can only be determined by a lab test. Sperm are so small they are virtually invisible, and so are not responsible for the familiar white color. After three to five days abstinence, I find my volume of semen ejaculated is not all that different than when I was middle-aged. It does tend to be thinner and in greater volume after prolonged mental arousal prior to ejaculating. Dehydration will lower the volume and make it commensurately thicker. Therefore, when it comes to semen, you are what you eat. A balanced diet should consistently supply the proteins, fructose, and other nutrients that produce the whitish, heavy cream consistency that you are familiar with from youth to your present age. If you truly have a problem, my guess would be your seminal vesicles are slowing down production for some reason. This should not be a health concern unless you are trying to father a child. So what can be the cause and anything I can do to remedy this? Is semen being produced continuously? If stored, does it have a "shelf life"? Also, what role does a normal prostate play in this process, other than semen production, especially in elderly men. I would love to know the backstory behind that! I mean, who would have thought that the body would have developed so far to deal with little things like lubrication? I think that women especially are taught to be ashamed of their bodies, when they really should be proud at all the amazing things that it can do! The fact that we have vagina glands should be a thing to celebrate, not one to be ashamed of. I wish that one day, people will be able to talk about all their glands in the same disinterested manner as they do say, the hypothalamus gland. CopperPipe Post 2 Wow. The price I pay for my wealth of trivia knowledge CarrotIsland Very informative article. Thanks for the great information!

Chapter 4 : 52 Beautiful Quotes By William Cowper To Ponder Over

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His mother died at a very young age, and his father remained very distant and cold, sending William away to boarding school at the age of ten. William, though in a fairly Christian culture, had no saving relationship with Christ growing up. After graduating from college, his father coerced him into practicing law, though William had no desire for it, nor felt adequate enough to do it. He attempted suicide several times, through various methods, but felt as if something was stopping him each time, only to feel as if he was being a coward, and try again later. Eventually, exhausted from his continual attempts throughout the day, he fell asleep. He awoke around three in the morning in a terror of self-loathing, and reached for a pen knife and attempted to thrust it into his chest – but the blade broke. He then tried to hang himself from his bed frame – but the bed frame broke. He hit the ground, and convulsed into an unknown, deeper sense of self-hatred, unable to even kill himself. Madness was not far off, or rather madness was already come. One day, upon reading the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in John 11 and then Romans 3: I saw the sufficiency of the atonement He had made, my pardon sealed in His blood, and all the fullness and completeness of His justification. In a moment I believed, and received the gospel – my eyes filled with tears, and my voice choked with transport; I could only look up to heaven in silent fear, overwhelmed with love and wonder. He stayed at the asylum for another 12 months after his conversion, becoming very close friends with the doctor there. And it would be great to say that Cowper walked out of that asylum free from the struggle of depression, but he did not. Twice more after leaving the asylum, Cowper had a remarkable low point in his battle with depression, and twice more attempted to kill himself, both being unsuccessful. Newton, aware of the deep sadness that seemed to hang over Cowper, would frequently spend times visiting Cowper, go on long walks and discuss matters of the church with him. Eventually, Newton suggested that Cowper should help him with compiling a book of hymns together, seeing as Cowper was a very talented poet. Many biographers upon examining much of his work strongly believe that there was a good chance that William was sexually abused at the boarding school he was sent to. William also inherited a great amount of wealth, which gave him no reason to go out looking for a job, leaving him to spend an inordinate amount of time sitting inside, doing nothing with no real ambitions. All of this, and only God knows what other demons William wrestled with, created an atmosphere of despair that clung tightly to William, and stayed there till the day he died. After his conversion in the asylum, William did have a remarkably different outlook on life. Though still plagued with sadness, he no longer clung to his certain damnation. He would falter, and at times snap at Newton that he was beyond help, but would always come back to that sense of awe that God still loved and accepted him. And Newton, his pastor and friend, was there, affectionately present and always eager to remind William of the joy to be had in Christ. The Church must be present and active in the battle of depression that many of us struggle with. By its very nature, depression wants to isolate us from community, when a friend is often the very thing we need. In this life, we are certain that the Lord saves us from the damning penalty of sin justification, and helps free us from the power of sin sanctification, but we will not be saved from the presence of sin till we leave this earth glorification. Depression is the product of the fall – all sickness is. I knew you; knew you for the same shepherd who was sent to lead me out of the wilderness into the pasture where the Chief Shepherd feeds His flock, and felt my sentiments of affectionate friendship for you the same as ever. Newton did not try and convince Cowper that he simply needed more self-esteem or to have a more positive self-image. Newton also helped stoke the heart of Cowper to redeem his grief by focusing it into a way to serve the Body. God Moves in a Mysterious Way: God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants his footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm. Deep in unfathomable mines He treasures up his bright designs And works his sovereign will. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take, The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break In blessings on your head. Judge not the lord by feeble sense, But trust him for his grace; behind a

frowning providence He hides a smiling face. His purpose will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flower. Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan his work in vain: God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain.

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Along with Wilberforce, Cowper shared a love of animals (Wilberforce organized the first SPCA) and a deep attachment to rural life along with a profound appreciation for the beauty of nature—all of which feature prominently in his poems.

A frail personality hounded by severe depression, he expressed complex psychological currents in his verse. His background was aristocratic. The second source came the following year, at Dr. At age eight, he developed an eye ailment and was sent to live for two years in the home of an oculist. By the summer of , he was infatuated with his cousin Theadora. They courted for several years, but her father forbade them to marry. Although the law did not enthrall him, he was called to the bar in and served later as Commissioner of Bankruptcy Courts. The young barrister enjoyed the fashionable London life, dining every Thursday with several school friends who called themselves the Nonsense Club. Two of these chums edited a publication called the Connoisseur, to which Cowper began contributing satirical pieces. This life disintegrated in However, Cowper had to face a public examination before the House of Lords , and this prospect unnerved him completely. Before the fateful day, he attempted suicide. He ended up at the Collegium Insanorum in St. Albans, where he gradually recovered and experienced a religious epiphany that led him to Evangelicalism. Retreat to the Countryside When he left the hospital in , he lived in Huntingdon as a boarder at the family home of an Evangelical minister, the Reverend Morley Unwin. After the sudden death of Rev. Unwin in , Cowper and the rest of the household moved to Olney. Cowper enjoyed the peace of this rural town and began to concentrate on writing, starting with an autobiography that would be published after his death. He came at once under the influence of the Reverend John Newton, an Evangelical and former slave trader. In late , partially in response to local gossip about two unmarried people living together, Cowper and Mrs. Biographers speculate that this betrothal caused him tremendous anxiety, for that winter he succumbed again to mental illness; he was haunted by a dream that God had damned him. The engagement was broken, though the pair continued to live together. Cowper never again attended public worship. He lived for years as an invalid; his animals, his garden, and his poetry were his mainstays against depression. This five-thousand-line poem, written in a relaxed blank verse, is considered his masterpiece. A broad investigation of man, nature, and society, it is also the first extended autobiographical poem in English. The scope of its satiric and patriotic interests, alongside its explorations of rural and domestic life, make The Task a truly national poem. The public aspects of the poem, however, are interwoven with distinctly personal ones. Cowper extols the skill of the gardener, who represents harmony with nature, and the imagination of the poet, who provides access to beauty and wisdom. Finding joy and peace in the presence of nature, Cowper proclaims, is the touchstone of spiritual wholeness. The poem was spectacularly successful, and its appeal as an artifact of popular culture lasted for generations. He hoped to surpass Alexander Pope , whose famous versions of Homer had made him the most commercially successful poet in English history. Published in , his translation was a mixed success. He followed up by working on translations of Italian and Latin poems by John Milton. The private audience of these cultivated friends released the sparkling wit, disarming candor, and astute observations that make his correspondence a unique literary phenomenon. Cowper suffered several more breakdowns in his later years. The lengthy illness and death of his longtime companion Mary Unwin in sent him into despondency. He died in He absorbed a range of literary influences, perhaps beginning with two books he acquired as a child: His religious verse follows after George Herbert and his ancestor John Donne. His Olney Hymns describe inward states of conflict, insecurity, and agony in a hostile universe occasionally relieved by a glimmer of hope for salvation. Scottish philosopher and economist; author of The Wealth of Nations. Anglo-Irish poet, novelist, and playwright. English scientist, philosopher, and poet; grandfather of Charles Darwin. British philosopher, theologian, scientist, and author; credited as the discoverer of oxygen. King of Great Britain and subsequently the United Kingdom from until his death. In The Task, his interest in nature unites with his religious concerns. Bequests to the Romantics This spiritual and philosophical reverence for nature became a central tenet of the Romantic movement in British poetry, starting with Samuel Taylor Coleridge and William Wordsworth. It was not the only legacy Cowper left to the Romantics. For several decades, he had probably the largest

readership of any English poet. From 1783, when his first major volume appeared, to 1807, the year in which Robert Southey completed the monumental *Life and Works of Cowper*, more than a hundred editions of his poems were published in Britain and almost fifty in America. *The Task* received especially favorable notices for its depth of feeling, fluency, and descriptive realism. Others surmise that his use of blank verse, his interest in nature and everyday life, and the emotional core of his poetry link him to Romantics like Wordsworth and Robert Burns. Responses to Literature Write about the balance between personal and political concerns in *The Task*. Identify some of the most effective techniques Cowper applies in his correspondence. How does he develop his voice in the letters? Does his voice change depending on the recipient of the letter? Is it appropriate to link Cowper with the Romantic poets? What is, or is not, Romantic in his outlook and style? The Christian hymn is among the most enduring of musical forms, as the following titles demonstrate: *The most famous song of the Olney Hymns* and one of the most popular of all Christian hymns. *An African American spiritual*, often sung at English rugby matches. Written by the first woman among the great gospel composers, this song is indelibly associated with the powerful voice of the late gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. *In Search of Stability: The Poetry of William Cowper*. *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of William Cowper*. *An Essay and a Bibliography of Cowperian Studies* from 1783 to 1807. University of North Carolina Press, Duke University Press, *A Critical Study and Reassessment*. Liverpool University Press, Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, University of Minnesota Press, *The Life of William Cowper*. William Cowper and the Eighteenth Century. Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

Chapter 6 : Beauties of Poetry

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In 1763, he enrolled in the Middle Temple in order to pursue a law degree. Shortly thereafter, he fell in love with Theodora Cowper, a cousin. Her father did not approve, and their relationship ended in 1765. Cowper wrote a sequence of poems, *Delia*, chronicling this affair but the book was not published until 1782. In 1766, through family connections, he accepted a clerkship of the journals in the House of Lords. While there he converted to Evangelicalism. In 1769, he moved to Huntingdon and took a room with the Rev. Morley Unwin and his wife Mary. Unwin died of a riding accident in 1770 and Cowper and Mary Unwin moved together to the town of Olney in 1771. They were not separated until her death in 1785. In 1773, Cowper became engaged to Mary Unwin, but he suffered another attack of madness. He had terrible nightmares, believing that God has rejected him. Cowper would never again enter a church or say a prayer. When he recovered his health, he kept busy by gardening, carpentry, and keeping animals. His first volume of poetry, *Poems by William Cowper, of the Inner Temple* was published in 1781 to wide acclaim. His major work was undertaken when Lady Austen complained to Cowper that he lacked a subject. She encouraged him to write about the sofa in his parlor. The *Task* grew into an opus of six books and nearly five thousand lines. Although the poem begins as a mock-heroic account of a wooden stool developing into a sofa, in later sections of the poem Cowper meditates on the immediate world around him his village, garden, animals, and parlor as well as larger religious and humanitarian concerns. His work found a wide audience; Samuel Taylor Coleridge called him "the best modern poet. William Cowper died of dropsy on April 25, 1800. At the time of his death, his *Poems* had already reached their tenth printing.

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Chapter 8 : Price comparison for William Cowper

A Cowper's gland, or bulbourethral gland, is one of two pea-sized organs found at the base of the penis that produce secretions necessary for fertile sexual activity. Together with the prostate and seminal vesicles, these glands make a mucus-like substance that goes into semen and also acts as a lubricant during sex.

Chapter 9 : What is a Cowper's Gland? (with pictures)

There's something about Cowper's sensitive spirit and his familiarity with suffering that led him to create beautiful hymns and poems, hymns that reflect the mercy and faithfulness of what we might just call the "Godness of God" and hymns that reflect our human frailty.