

When I Have Fears
By
John Keats

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Introduction

The poem is written by one of the greatest English romantic poets, John Keats. His early poems had to face severe criticism. His best work is marked by a poetical sense of beauty in words and sounds, a vivid imagination and a rich descriptive power. This poem is a sonnet. The theme of this sonnet is the fear of the poet that he may die before seeing the fulfillment of his poetic potential. The general subjects of Keats' poems are romance, beauty, pain, and death. In this sonnet, he has expressed his fears about his untimely death. He is afraid because he may die before, he has penned down all his thoughts, and ideas. He wants to compose many books but his death will not allow him to do so. The heap of books would be like a granary full of ripened grains. He says when he looks at the starry night full of huge cloudy symbols of high romance, he feels sorry because he would not live to enjoy these charming elements of nature forever. He would not be able to see the fair creature or his beloved's face, to enjoy the power of one-sided love. He finds himself among these fears and then standing alone on the shore of the world, he thinks that love and fame are unimportant things for a dying person. He has truly managed to express his emotions, and