

The Great Poets

John Keats

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with **Simon Russell Beale** and **Sarah Woodward**

As a boy, John Keats was a passionate, possessive, even wilful character, as if he knew that, with just 25 years of lifespan, there was little time at his disposal. By the time of his death in 1821, he had written a body of poetry which proved a key contribution to the English Romantic movement, though this was scarcely recognised in his lifetime.

This general selection includes many of his finest poems, especially the Odes, including *Ode to Melancholy*, *Ode on a Grecian Urn*, *Ode to a Nightingale* as well as more popular verse such as *Old Meg* and *There was a naughty boy*. The anthology ends with his longer narrative poem, *The Eve of St Agnes*.

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