

Write the summary of the poem "London, 1802".

Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Write the summary of the poem "London, 1802".

William Wordsworth's (1770-1850) poem "London, 1802" (1807) is a heartfelt call to the past. He wishes for the poet John Milton to return to life. Wordsworth believes that Milton could fix the problems of present-day England. The poem is like a sad song for a country that has lost its way.

Wordsworth's Cry for Help: The poem starts with a direct talk to John Milton, a great poet from the past. Wordsworth is unhappy with England. He feels England is dirty, like a fen. Everything that made England good is gone. The country needs Milton because he stood for strong and good values. Wordsworth says,

"Milton! thou shouldst be living at this hour:

England hath need of thee: she is a fen."

England's Lost Values:

Wordsworth tells us that England used to have happiness and good manners. Now, people only care about themselves. Wordsworth states,

"We are selfish men."

He thinks that if Milton were alive, he could bring back the important things like virtue, freedom, and power. Wordsworth looks up to Milton as a star – pure and apart from the world. Milton's life was an example of how to be good and happy.

In the end, Wordsworth praises Milton's life. He says Milton was free, strong, and pure like the sea and the sky. Milton did common things in life, but he was always happy and good. He did his duties without thinking he was too good for them.

In "London, 1802," Wordsworth is not just sad about England's present. He wants everyone to remember and follow Milton's ways. He hopes this can bring back the country's lost glory and goodness.