

A Coat Theme

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Themes

Artistic Simplicity and Honesty: Yeats values truth and simplicity in art. He rejects the decorative “coat” of myths and chooses a plain, sincere voice. True creativity, he believes, lies in honest self-expression, not in ornament or imitation.

Rejection of Imitation: The poem shows Yeats’s frustration with imitators who stole his style. By choosing to “walk naked,” he frees himself from imitation. He believes originality and courage are more valuable than borrowed beauty.