

Byzantium Key Info

Writer: William Butler Yeats | Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Key Facts

- **Writer:** William Butler Yeats (1865 – 1939)
- **Original Title:** Byzantium
- **Source:** Inspired by Yeats' earlier poem, *Sailing to Byzantium*
- **Written Time:** 1930
- **Published Date:** 1933, in the collection *The Winding Stair and Other Poems*
- **Form:** Lyrical poem, free verse with irregular rhyme
- **Genre:** Symbolist poetry, philosophical poem
- **Tone:** Mysterious, reflective, mystical
- **Point of View:** First-person
- **Total Lines:** 40 lines
- **Total Part:** 5 stanzas (each with 8 lines)
- **Setting:**
- **Time Setting:** Timeless, representing a spiritual realm beyond life and death
- **Place Setting:** Byzantium (modern-day Istanbul), envisioned as a spiritual and artistic paradise detached from the mortal world