

Leda and the Swan Key Facts

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Key Facts

- **Writer:** William Butler Yeats (1865 – 1939)
- **Original Title:** Leda and the Swan
- **Source:** Greek Mythology (myth of Leda and Zeus)
- **Written Time:** 1923
- **Published Date:** 1924, in The Dial magazine
- **Form:** Sonnet (Petrarchan/Italian sonnet)
- **Genre:** Mythological Poetry
- **Tone:** Violent, Powerful, Reflective
- **Point of View:** Third-person
- **Total Lines:** 14 lines
- **Total Part:** 2 parts (Octave and Sestet)
- **Setting:**
- **Time Setting:** Mythical past (time of the Gods)
- **Place Setting:** Leda's encounter with Zeus in nature (indicated to be near water or an outdoor setting)