

London 1802 Quotes

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Quotations

*"England hath need of thee: she is a fen
Of stagnant waters: altar, sword, and pen,"*

Explanation:

This line from William Wordsworth's poem "London, 1802" calls upon John Milton to return and help England. He describes the country as stagnant and needing inspiration from religion, war, and literature.

*"We are selfish men;
Oh! raise us up, return to us again;
And give us manners, virtue, freedom, power."*

Explanation:

In "London, 1802" by William Wordsworth, these lines express a request for a return to moral and virtuous values in society.

*"Thy soul was like a Star, and dwelt apart:
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea."*

Explanation:

In this line, the poet describes Milton's soul as being isolated and extraordinary. He compares Milton's soul to a star. He also praises Milton's powerful voice, which is compared to the vastness of the sea.