

"London, 1802" Summary

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England's Disorderly Situation (Octave): Wordsworth was deeply disturbed by the disorderly situation in England at the time. The whole country became like a muddy land full of dirty water. The English Church, the military, intellectuals, and the general public had all forgotten their ideals. Every institution and class in society had become corrupt. England, which was once the center of art and literature, was now full of corruption. As a result, there was no peace across the country. Everyone was thinking only of their own interest. That's why the poet calls upon Milton to return. Wordsworth wishes Milton could return. He wants Milton to teach good values to selfish people.

Milton's Qualities (Sestet): Then the poet speaks about Milton's qualities. His soul was bright like a star. His fearless, bold voice was like the roaring of the sea. His mind was clear like a cloudless sky. He always lived a simple and honest life. He devoted himself to the service of society. Wordsworth says Milton happily did even small tasks. He wants Milton to return, as Milton could guide the selfish nation.