

Lullaby key Facts

Writer: W. H. Auden | Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Key Facts

- **Writer:** W. H. Auden (1907 - 1973)
- **Original Title:** "Lullaby"
- **First Line:** "Lay your sleeping head, my love, / Human on my faithless arm."
- **Source:** Originally published in *The Ascent of F6* (1936), later included in *Another Time* (1940)
- **Written Time:** 1937
- **Published Date:** 1937
- **Form:** Lyric poem in four stanzas of ten lines each (irregular meter and rhyme)
- **Genre:** Love poem / Modernist lyric / Romantic meditation
- **Tone:** Tender, intimate, reflective, and slightly melancholy
- **Point of View:** First-person speaker addressing a sleeping lover
- **Total Lines:** 40 lines (4 stanzas × 10 lines)
- **Total Parts:** Single poem (4 connected stanzas)
- **Time Setting:** Nighttime between love's passion and morning awareness
- **Place Setting:** Private, intimate room, symbolic of love's temporary peace