

On First Looking into Chapman's Homer Quotations

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Quotations

"Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold..."

Explanation:

Keats says he has read many great literary works, like travelling through golden lands.

"Yet did I never breathe its pure serene..."

Explanation:

Keats never truly felt Homer's beauty until he read Chapman's powerful translation.

"Oft of one wide expanse had I been told..."

Explanation:

Keats had heard of Homer's greatness and deep poetic world before reading him.

"He star'd at the Pacific... Silent, upon a peak in Darien."

Explanation:

Keats compares his amazement to explorers seeing the Pacific Ocean for the first time, shocked and speechless.