

The Gyres Theme

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Themes

Cyclical Nature of History: Yeats shows that history moves in endless cycles called "gyres." Every civilization rises, reaches greatness, and then falls, only to be reborn again. Destruction and renewal are parts of the same eternal rhythm.

Destruction as Renewal: The poem teaches that destruction is not the end but a beginning. Even when chaos rules, a new order is being born. Yeats finds hope and joy in the world's constant transformation.