

The Magi Key Facts

Writer: William Butler Yeats | Generated: Jan 26, 2026

Key Facts

- **Writer:** William Butler Yeats (1865 – 1939)
- **Original Title:** The Magi
- **Source:** *The Wild Swans at Coole* (1919)
- **Written Time:** Around 1914-1916
- **Published Date:** 1919
- **Form:** Lyric poem
- **Genre:** Symbolist poetry
- **Tone:** Mysterious, contemplative, and reflective
- **Point of View:** First-person
- **Total Lines:** 8 lines
- **Total Part:** 1 part
- **Setting:**
- **Time Setting:** Reflecting both Biblical times and the present (as imagined by the speaker)
- **Place Setting:** The sky, with references to Calvary and the nativity scene