

The Tower Key Facts

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Key Facts

- **Poet:** W. B. Yeats (1865–1939)
- **Full Title:** The Tower
- **Written Time:** Around 1926
- **First Published:** 1928 (in the poetry collection The Tower)
- **Form:** Long Philosophical Lyric Poem (divided into three parts)
- **Genre:** Autobiographical, Symbolic, and Philosophical Poetry
- **Tone:** Reflective, Melancholic, Proud, and Transcendent
- **Structure:**
 - Part I: Conflict between imagination and old age
 - Part II: Memory, myth, and the madness of creativity
 - Part III: Faith, pride, and the soul's immortality
- **Rhyme Scheme:** Irregular (mostly varied patterns with blank verse passages)
- **Meter:** Predominantly Iambic Pentameter, but flexible
- **Narrative Voice:** First-person (Yeats himself as a symbolic speaker)
- **Total Parts:** 3
- **Setting:**
 - **Physical Setting:** Thoor Ballylee (Yeats's real tower-home in County Galway, Ireland)
 - **Spiritual Setting:** Between the mortal world and a visionary world of art, memory, and imagination