

Chapter 1 : Flowers Of The Night.. Poem by Peter S. Quinn - Poem Hunter

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John McCrae was a poet and physician from Guelph, Ontario. He developed an interest in poetry at a young age and wrote throughout his life. He had the option of joining the medical corps because of his training and age but he volunteered instead to join a fighting unit as a gunner and medical officer. He had previously fought with a volunteer force in the Second Boer War. They attacked French positions north of the Canadians with chlorine gas on April 22, but were unable to break through the Canadian line, which held for over two weeks. In a letter written to his mother, McCrae described the battle as a "nightmare", For seventeen days and seventeen nights none of us have had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, the wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give way. McCrae performed the burial service himself, at which time he noted how poppies quickly grew around the graves of those who died at Ypres. The next day, he composed the poem while sitting in the back of an ambulance at an Advanced Dressing Station outside Ypres. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields. It speaks of their sacrifice and serves as their command to the living to press on. Note that the first line ends with "grow". When handed the notepad, Allinson read the poem and was so moved he immediately committed it to memory. He described it as being "almost an exact description of the scene in front of us both". It is said he crumpled the paper and threw it away. Elder, [15] or Allinson. A third claim, by Morrison, was that McCrae worked on the poem as time allowed between arrivals of wounded soldiers in need of medical attention. It was then sent to Punch, where it was published on December 8, According to Allinson, the poem began with "In Flanders Fields the poppies grow" when first written. McCrae used either word when making handwritten copies for friends and family. Most recently, the Bank of Canada was inundated with queries and complaints from those who believed the first line should end with "grow", when a design for the ten-dollar bill was released in , with the first stanza of "In Flanders Fields", ending the first line with "blow". Soldiers took encouragement from it as a statement of their duty to those who died while people on the home front viewed it as defining the cause for which their brothers and sons were fighting. French Canadians in Quebec were strongly opposed to the possibility of conscription but English Canadians voted overwhelmingly to support Prime Minister Robert Borden and the Unionist government. He stated in a letter: It was one of the most quoted works during the war, [12] used in many places as part of campaigns to sell war bonds , during recruiting efforts and to criticize pacifists and those who sought to profit from the war. Describing it as "vicious" and "stupid", Fussell called the final lines a "propaganda argument against a negotiated peace". The years of war had worn McCrae down; he contracted pneumonia that day and later came down with cerebral meningitis. On January 28, , he died at the military hospital in Wimereux and was buried there with full military honours. A version minted in featured a red poppy in the centre and is considered the first multi-coloured circulation coin in the world. Other Canadian stamps have featured the poppy, including ones in , , [40] and Other postal authorities have employed the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, including those of Australia, Gibraltar, the United Kingdom and United States.

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When Cliff and I arrived home from school, we found Mum dressed in her Sunday clothes, sitting in the rocking chair with her feet on the oven door and her coat wrapped tightly around her. She had walked to the church to a funeral and then to the committal service in the cemetery near our home. She said she was chilled to the bone. In December of Letitia Pickett made two trips within a few days to the cemetery at Kingston to bury her husband and nineteen month old son. Two years earlier she had buried her first born child of five months. Her father, James Agnew was a watchmaker and jeweller, and was a ruling elder in the Reformed Presbyterian congregation. Problems arose when Munson grew older and desired his rightful share. A dispute erupted between the two brothers. Seymour was shot by Munson and died within a few hours. On the day of his funeral some neighbours gathered to scrub the house. Shortly afterwards, Letitia moved to Saint John where a few months later, her son Seymour Pickett was born. In , their month-old son died. Other tragedies happened to her family as one brother was accidentally shot by a friend at Red Head, another brother was drowned at sea and her father disappeared while boarding a schooner at Eastport. Through all the difficulties that Letitia faced she remained strong in her faith and through her poetry penned her thoughts and beliefs of a better world after death. Many of her poems were published in the local newspapers and in magazines in Scotland and Ireland. The names of ninety-seven of the influential men who were the patrons for sponsoring her publication are listed in the back of the book. Till the hour when thy form shall rise From its briny bed to the starry skies; We know thou art sleeping as sound and well, As if laid in some sweet and shady dell. Alexander Clarke when his eye sight was damaged. Simson can be accessed at the Early Canadiana online digital library at <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/earlycanadiana/>. The site is <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/earlycanadiana/>. If anyone has information to share on Letitia F. Agnew Pickett Simson, her siblings and her descendants, I would be pleased to hear from them. In the same household are her children: Cusack is a genealogy buff living in Saint John. Send your queries to her at: Include your name and mailing address for the benefit of the readers of the newspaper who do not have access to E-mail but could have information to share with you. Please put "Yesteryear" followed by the surnames in your query. For more information on submitting queries, visit <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/earlycanadiana/>.

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The following year, Caroline married Lieutenant Colonel Jacques Aupick, who later became a French ambassador to various noble courts. He stated in a letter to her that, "There was in my childhood a period of passionate love for you. Baudelaire was educated in Lyon, where he boarded. At fourteen he was described by a classmate as "much more refined and distinguished than any of our fellow pupils. He began to frequent prostitutes and may have contracted gonorrhoea and syphilis during this period. He also began to run up debts, mostly for clothes. His mother later recalled: If Charles had let himself be guided by his stepfather, his career would have been very different. He would not have left a name in literature, it is true, but we should have been happier, all three of us. The trip provided strong impressions of the sea, sailing, and exotic ports, that he later employed in his poetry. On returning to the taverns of Paris, he began to compose some of the poems of "Les Fleurs du Mal". At 21, he received a sizable inheritance but squandered much of it within a few years. His family obtained a decree to place his property in trust, [10] which he resented bitterly, at one point arguing that allowing him to fail financially would have been the one sure way of teaching him to keep his finances in order. Baudelaire became known in artistic circles as a dandy and free-spender, going through much of his inheritance and allowance in a short period of time. During this time, Jeanne Duval became his mistress. She was rejected by his family. His mother thought Duval a "Black Venus" who "tortured him in every way" and drained him of money at every opportunity. He took part in the Revolutions of 1848 and wrote for a revolutionary newspaper. However, his interest in politics was passing, as he was later to note in his journals. In the early 1850s, Baudelaire struggled with poor health, pressing debts, and irregular literary output. He often moved from one lodging to another to escape creditors. He undertook many projects that he was unable to complete, though he did finish translations of stories by Edgar Allan Poe. Upon the death of his stepfather in 1845, Baudelaire received no mention in the will but he was heartened nonetheless that the division with his mother might now be mended. At 36 he wrote her: Many of his critical opinions were novel in their time, including his championing of Delacroix, and some of his views seem remarkably in tune with the future theories of the Impressionist painters. In 1845, Baudelaire wrote his second Salon review, gaining additional credibility as an advocate and critic of Romanticism. His continued support of Delacroix as the foremost Romantic artist gained widespread notice. However he was often sidetracked by indolence, emotional distress and illness, and it was not until 1857 that he published his first and most famous volume of poems, *Les Fleurs du mal* *The Flowers of Evil*. However, greater public attention was given to their subject matter. You are as unyielding as marble, and as penetrating as an English mist. He also touched on lesbianism, sacred and profane love, metamorphosis, melancholy, the corruption of the city, lost innocence, the oppressiveness of living, and wine. Some critics called a few of the poems "masterpieces of passion, art and poetry," but other poems were deemed to merit no less than legal action to suppress them. Habas writing in *Le Figaro*, led the charge against Baudelaire, writing: Beauty of conception and style is enough for me. But this book, whose title *Fleurs du mal* says everything, is clad, as you will see, in a cold and sinister beauty. It was created with rage and patience. Besides, the proof of its positive worth is in all the ill that they speak of it. The book enrages people. Moreover, since I was terrified myself of the horror that I should inspire, I cut out a third from the proofs. They deny me everything, the spirit of invention and even the knowledge of the French language. Gautier and even Byron. They were fined, but Baudelaire was not imprisoned. Another edition of *Les Fleurs du mal*, without these poems, but with considerable additions, appeared in 1858. Many notables rallied behind Baudelaire and condemned the sentence. Victor Hugo wrote to him: I applaud your vigorous spirit with all my might. Nearly years later, on May 11, 1859, Baudelaire was vindicated, the judgment officially reversed, and the six banned poems reinstated in France. If rape or arson, poison or the knife has wove no pleasing patterns in the stuff of this drab canvas we accept as life— It is because we are not bold enough! But at last, his mother relented and agreed to let him live with her

for a while at Honfleur. Baudelaire was productive and at peace in the seaside town, his poem *Le Voyage* being one example of his efforts during that time. His financial difficulties increased again, however, particularly after his publisher Poulet Malassis went bankrupt in 1847. In 1845, he left Paris for Belgium, partly in the hope of selling the rights to his works and also to give lectures. He smoked opium, and in Brussels he began to drink to excess. Baudelaire suffered a massive stroke in 1851 and paralysis followed. After more than a year of aphasia, he received the last rites of the Catholic Church. Poetry[edit] Who among us has not dreamt, in moments of ambition, of the miracle of a poetic prose, musical without rhythm and rhyme, supple and staccato enough to adapt to the lyrical stirrings of the soul, the undulations of dreams, and sudden leaps of consciousness. This obsessive idea is above all a child of giant cities, of the intersecting of their myriad relations. His poetry is influenced by the French romantic poets of the earlier 19th century, although its attention to the formal features of verse connects it more closely to the work of the contemporary "Parnassians". As for theme and tone, in his works we see the rejection of the belief in the supremacy of nature and the fundamental goodness of man as typically espoused by the romantics and expressed by them in rhetorical, effusive and public voice in favor of a new urban sensibility, an awareness of individual moral complexity, an interest in vice linked with decadence and refined sensual and aesthetic pleasures, and the use of urban subject matter, such as the city, the crowd, individual passers-by, all expressed in highly ordered verse, sometimes through a cynical and ironic voice. Beyond his innovations in versification and the theories of symbolism and "correspondences", an awareness of which is essential to any appreciation of the literary value of his work, aspects of his work that regularly receive much critical discussion include the role of women, the theological direction of his work and his alleged advocacy of "satanism", his experience of drug-induced states of mind, the figure of the dandy, his stance regarding democracy and its implications for the individual, his response to the spiritual uncertainties of the time, his criticisms of the bourgeois, and his advocacy of modern music and painting e. He made Paris the subject of modern poetry. As critic and essayist, he wrote extensively and perceptively about the luminaries and themes of French culture. He was frank with friends and enemies, rarely took the diplomatic approach and sometimes responded violently verbally, which often undermined his cause. Edgar Allan Poe[edit] In 1842, Baudelaire became acquainted with the works of Poe, in which he found tales and poems that had, he claimed, long existed in his own brain but never taken shape. Baudelaire saw in Poe a precursor and tried to be his French contemporary counterpart. Baudelaire was not the first French translator of Poe, but his "scrupulous translations" were considered among the best. As Baudelaire elaborated in his "Salon of 1845", "As one contemplates his series of pictures, one seems to be attending the celebration of some grievous mystery This grave and lofty melancholy shines with a dull light I believe that the artist can not find all his forms in nature, but that the most remarkable are revealed to him in his soul. In gratitude for their friendship and commonality of vision, Baudelaire dedicated *Les Fleurs du mal* to Gautier. In the early 1850s, Baudelaire accompanied Manet on daily sketching trips and often met him socially. Manet also lent Baudelaire money and looked after his affairs, particularly when Baudelaire went to Belgium. Baudelaire encouraged Manet to strike out on his own path and not succumb to criticism. But he has a weak character. He seems to me crushed and stunned by shock. When Baudelaire returned from Belgium after his stroke, Manet and his wife were frequent visitors at the nursing home and she would play passages from Wagner for Baudelaire on the piano. Baudelaire admired Nadar, one of his closest friends, and wrote: Baudelaire became interested in photography in the 1850s and, denouncing it as an art form, advocated its return to "its real purpose, which is that of being the servant to the sciences and arts". Photography should not, according to Baudelaire, encroach upon "the domain of the impalpable and the imaginary". He wrote on a wide range of subjects, drawing criticism and outrage from many quarters. Love[edit] "There is an invincible taste for prostitution in the heart of man, from which comes his horror of solitude. Only the brute is good at coupling, and copulation is the lyricism of the masses. To copulate is to enter into another's life and the artist never emerges from himself. In his journals, he wrote, "There is no form of rational and assured government save an aristocracy. A monarchy or a republic, based upon democracy, are equally absurd and feeble. The immense nausea of advertisements. There are but three beings worthy of respect: To know, to kill and to create. The rest of mankind may be taxed and drudged, they are born for the stable, that is to say, to practise what they call

professions. Give them only carefully selected garbage. Eliot , while asserting that Baudelaire had not yet received a "just appreciation" even in France, claimed that the poet had "great genius" and asserted that his "technical mastery which can hardly be overpraised In the late s, Benjamin used Baudelaire as a starting point and focus for his monumental attempt at a materialist assessment of 19th-century culture, *Das Passagenwerk*. Poetry Collection in memory of Baudelaire. The anime was aired in and drew attention due to its heavy use of rotoscope animation. The protagonist in both manga and the anime, Takao Kasuga, is a bookworm whose favorite book is *Les fleurs du mal*, translated in Japanese as *Aku no Hana*. Salon de ,

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I can write the saddest poem of all tonight. I loved her, and sometimes she loved me too. On nights like this, I held her in my arms. I kissed her so many times under the infinite sky. She loved me, sometimes I loved her. How could I not have loved her large, still eyes? To hear the immense night, more immense without her. And the poem falls to the soul as dew to grass. The night is full of stars and she is not with me. Far away, someone sings. My soul is lost without her. As if to bring her near, my eyes search for her. My heart searches for her and she is not with me. The same night that whitens the same trees. We, we who were, we are the same no longer. I no longer love her, true, but how much I loved her. My voice searched the wind to touch her ear. As she once belonged to my kisses. Her voice, her light body. I no longer love her, true, but perhaps I love her. Love is so short and oblivion so long. Because on nights like this I held her in my arms, my soul is lost without her. Although this may be the last pain she causes me, and this may be the last poem I write for her.

Chapter 5 : FLOWERS, PLANTS AND TREES

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How could the rude Earth make these if her Essence, rugged as she looks and is, were not inwardly Beauty? He came close to him, and put his hand upon his shoulder. Ten thousand saw I at a glance, Tossing their heads in sprightly dance. There is something strange about them, at once vivid and secret, like flowers traced in fire in the phantasmal garden of a witch. Wister Springtime flowers bloom like colorful arrows piercing their way to the sun. Thus in each flower and simple bell, That in our path untrodden lie, Are sweet remembrancers who tell How fast the winged moments fly. Time will steal on with ceaseless pace, Yet lose we not the fleeting hours, Who still their fairy footsteps trace, As light they dance among the flowers. Smith, in her last poetical volume, which, alas, is truly a legacy, has fully vindicated her pretensions to the laurel. Her love of Botany, as well as of Poetry, often leads her to the fields, and she suffers not a flower to remain unsung. The thought, in [The Horologe of the Fields], is fanciful, the descriptions are accurate, and the moral excellent. A rose in the dark is poetry. I rank them among my teachers and preachers. To me, as to thousands, they ever seem to whisper such sweet things, and tell such strange and fairy-like stories of their present and past existence, that they appeal to the highest faculties of our being. It is the pretty wood-sorrel Oxalis acetosella It was found by Captain Parry in places where scarcely any other flower ventured to blossom It is a humble little flower, lowly in growth, its delicate pearl-white petals elegantly veined with purple lines Almost as beautiful is its bright green triplet leaf, shaped like three small hearts joined together at the points, and which spring profusely around the blossoms. It is the most sensitive wilding we have; for so soon as the evening dews begin to fall, it droops its leaves around the stems, and ever seems to shrink at the approach of night, or the faintest whisper of a coming storm. Ah, if she does, how sweet a thing Her resurrection day in spring! It is a glory of tender green and shaded amethyst and grateful hum of bees, the very voice of Spring. Every sense is gratified, even that of touch, when the delicate plumes of the fragrant Lilac blossoms brush your cheek as you walk through its path; there is no spot of fairer loveliness than this Lilac walk in May. It is a wonderful study of flickering light and grateful shade in midsummer The very spirit of the Lilacs seems visible, etched with a purity of touch that makes them sentient, speaking beings, instead of silent plants. That it yearns to be carried away. And since flowers had to be distinguished from each other, they have attributed graceful analogies to them, dreamy images, pure and passionate names which perpetuate and harmonize in our minds the sensations of gentle charm and violent intoxication with which they inspire us. So it is that certain peonies, their favorite flower, are saluted by the Chinese, according to their form or color, by these delicious names, each an entire poem and an entire novel: The Sunlight in the Forest, or: The First Desire of the Reclining Virgin, or: I Possessed My Lover in the Garden. Every flower has a cordial word which nature directs towards him. They are the hieroglyphics of angels, loved by all men for the beauty of their character, though few can decipher even fragments of their meaning. Child Have you ever seen a flower down Sometimes angels skip around And in their blissful state of glee Bump into a daisy or sweet pea. I should as soon, pleasant flower as it is, look for poetry in a cabbage. Our English poets had more reason when they loved and proclaimed their love for the yellow daffodil, the old "daffondowndilly," breaking into different shades of yellow, from rich amber to palest maize, with its tall stalks, nodding heads, and long lance-shaped leaves, the tint of green oats, which form an exquisite setting Man loved the flowers and invented vases. Man loved the birds and invented cages. Last modified Aug 06 Sun

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The Death Of The Flowers by William Cullen Bryant.. The melancholy days are come the saddest of the year Of wailing winds and naked woods and meadows brown and sere. Heaped in the hollows of the grove.