

Lyrical Ballads

They wanted to achieve a cultural revolution → non violent, because they were disappointed in the french revolution

It is revolutionary because the characters are common people

Moreover the language was simple → so that more people could understand it

It is also a peculiar title → it is oximoric, contradictory: poetry tends to be of 2 kinds:

- lyrical → feelings and emotions of the speaker (the lyrical eye) → examples are sonnets (14 lines), oaths (no fixed number of lines) and elegies (no fixed number of lines, main topic is death)
- narrative → relates a story in verses → tend to be longer

It is oximoric because they are intimate accounts of life in the english country side

They are about stories of common people in the country side but expressed in a lyrical way, with a focus on the feelings

It is oximoric and also hybrid

Question

Poems are about ordinary lives about ordinary people coming from the country side → they are lucky, because they live near nature

The language used is similar to the one people actually used → it is more emphatic and purified from his defects

He uses the coloring effect of imagination to write in an unusual way

Poets have sharper sensibility and imagination + better understanding of human nature