2. Every Morning I Wake

By Dylan Thomas

About the author

Dylan Thomas (1914-1953) was born in Swansea, Wales. He is famous for his acutely lyrical and emotional poetry. Thomas can be seen as an extension into the 20th century of the general movement called Romanticism that flourished in the nineteenth century in England, particularly in its emphasis on imagination, emotion, intuition, spontaneity, and organic form. Considered to be one of the greatest Welsh poets of all time, Thomas is largely known for his imaginative use of language and vivid imagery in his poems. He started working for BBC in 1945. Under Milk Wood (1953), a radio play, was written over a long period of time during the last months of his life. It is set in a small Welsh town called Llareggub and covers one day in the lives of its provincial characters.

"Every Morning I Wake" is an extract from Under the Milk Wood. In this poem, Thomas prays to the magnificent God to have mercy on ordinary inhabitants living under the Milk Wood.

Summary

Every Morning I Wake is an extract from radio play named Under Milk Wood of 1954 which was written by Dylan Thomas. In this poem, Thomas prays to the magnificent God to have mercy on ordinary inhabitants living under the Milk Wood.

The poem is about the glorification and magnificent of God. God can be presented with different qualities and forms. The speaker prays the god to keep his loving eyes on the poor creatures of the planet. The speaker seems to be kind to the people. Every morning he prays to God to have mercy on all poor people under the wood. The people are fated to be born and die. As long as they are alive, they need help and to be protected.

Every evening the speaker asks the God a blessing to protect the town. The speaker is not sure whether they live or die. He is sure that the God comes to bless them go.

In the third stanza, the speaker says that no one in the town is completely bad or good. He prays that God will see and judge them. God can decide which is the best and the worst. These traits are judged by the God.

In the last stanza of the poem the speaker suggests all the inhabitants of under Milk Wood to see another day. All the people of that place will bow to the sun because they have good faith in the sun and bids good bye as they are hoping to see the sunrise the next day.

According to the poem we human beings are so imperfect to do the activities. We fully depend on the mercy of God. Our lives are directed by the blessing of God. We pray God because he has great value and can preserve the best.