

# Goethe Two Sentence Bio

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Johann Wolfgang von Goethe - likely the most well-known German author and poet - lived from 1749-1832, inspiring in his life and death the creation of countless musical works, including Franz Liszt's *Mephisto-Walzer*, Hector Berlioz's *Damnation of Faust*, and Hugo Wolf's *Mignon Lieder* and [insert the song that is being sung in this recital here].

Anne Steele, for at least a full century after death in 1778 was heralded as the most prolific woman represented in English and American Hymnals. Steele was born in 1717 the daughter of an English Baptist Preacher, and, under the pen name *Theodosia*, published more than two hundred hymns, poems, and psalms. Of note is her inclusion in the American Collection *The Sacred Harp*, with her hymn "So fades the lovely blooming flower" set in the popular tune 32B, Distress.