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## William Cowper : Read Poems by Poet William Cowper

Yet thousands still desire to journey on, Though halt and weary of the path they tread. He was driven into a lasting depression. He that takes Deep in his soft credulity the stamp Designed by loud declaimers on the part Of liberty, themselves the slaves of lust, Incurs derision for his easy faith And lack of knowledge, and with cause enough.

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The poet admires the swiftness with which the ship has reached the shore which is not disturbed by tempests or thunderous clouds billows.

### The Poplar

Nor taste alone and well-contrived display Suffice to give the marshalled ranks the grace Of their complete effect. He hated noise, contention, and the public gaze, but society he ever insisted upon. He picks clean teeth, and, busy as he seems With an old tavern quill, is hungry yet.

**A tribute to the memory of William Cowper, author of The task, and other poems : occasioned by the perusal of his works, and the memories of his life (Microform, 1808) [[metrics.learnindialearn.in](http://metrics.learnindialearn.in)]**

Among others present were Mr W T Knight and Mr E Huddle deacons , Mr J Garner secretary , of the Congregational Church, Mrs Chapman representing the Vicar , Mr and Mrs A W R Sowman, Mrs and Miss Fairey, Mr and Mrs Pebody, Mrs Allen, Miss Freeman, Mrs and Miss Whitmee, Miss Hollingshead, Miss Gudgin, Dr G O M Dickenson, the Rev. The problem is, however, that our lives and our world often seem so out of control.

### The Task, by William Cowper

Rusting there In wild disorder and unfit for use, What wonder if discharged into the world They shame their shooters with a random flight, Their points obtuse and feathers drunk with wine. Then snug enclosures in the sheltered vale, Where frequent hedges intercept the eye, Delight us, happy to renounce a while, Not senseless of its charms, what still we love, That such short absence may endear it more. Are they not his by a peculiar right, And by an emphasis of interest his, Whose eye they fill with tears of holy joy, Whose heart with praise, and whose exalted mind With worthy thoughts of that unwearied love That planned, and built, and still upholds a world So clothed with beauty, for rebellious man? By the time The Olney Hymns made its appearance in 1779, a number of the hymns were already being circulated.

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She was happier than him and she would speak softly and stroke his head. But Egypt, Greece, and Rome Drew from the stream below. But it is pleasant to note how quick Sainte Beuve, whose three papers on Cowper are amongst the glories of the *Causeries du Lundi*, is to recognise how much happiness and pleasantness was to be got out of this semi-monastic life and close social relation.

**William Cowper Biography**

Examine well His milk-white hand.

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