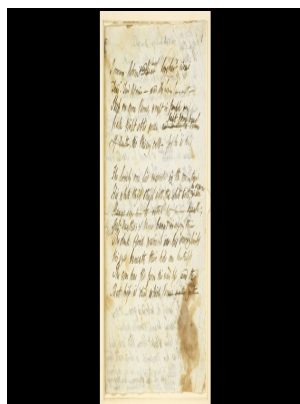


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The poem, which is in 495 lines in 55 , was composed in the spring of 1821 immediately after 11 April, when Shelley heard of Keats' death seven weeks earlier. Shelley claims, with reference to his Neo-Platonic ideals, that Keats' death in glory is far better than the inglorious and shameful life of his murderer, the savage critic. A light is past from the revolving year, And man and woman; and what still is dear Attracts to crush, repels to make thee wither.

## Analysis of Shelley's Adonais

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Great and mean Meet massed in death, who lends what life must borrow. They are being attacked by critics but they are facing these attacks with courage and they will ultimately reach their destination where they will be greeted by Fame. As she appeared in the east, her hair was loose and untied.

## Adonais

Defenceless as thou wert, oh where was then Wisdom the mirrored shield, or scorn the spear? Within the twilight chamber spreads apace The shadow of white Death, and at the door Invisible Corruption waits to trace His extreme way to her dim dwelling-place; The eternal Hunger sits, but pity and awe Soothe her pale rage, nor dares she to deface So fair a prey, till darkness and the law Of change shall o'er his sleep the mortal curtain draw. He will awake no more, oh never more! A light is past from the revolving year, And man and woman; and what still is dear Attracts to crush, repels to make thee wither. Thy hopes are gone before: from all things here They have departed; thou shouldst now depart.

## Adonais: An elegy on the Death of John Keats by Percy Bysshe Shelley

Dust to the dust: but the pure spirit shall flow Back to the burning fountain whence it came, A portion of the Eternal, which must glow Through time and change, unquenchably the same, Whilst thy cold embers choke the sordid hearth of shame.

### **Adonais: An Elegy on the Death of John Keats by...**

Keats only got as far as Rome, where he died on February 23, 1821. Athwart what brow is that dark mantle thrown? XX The leprous corpse, touched by this spirit tender, Exhales itself in flowers of gentle breath; Like incarnations of the stars, when splendour Is changed to fragrance, they illumine death, And mock the merry worm that wakes beneath.

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In eternity, other poets, among them, Sir , and the Roman poet , come to greet him sts.

### **Adonais, an elegy on the death of John Keats : Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792**

Or hadst thou waited the full cycle, when Thy spirit should have filled its crescent sphere, The monsters of life's waste had fled from thee like deer. Byron didn't like it and Moore was apparently not familiar with it. For Shelley, unlike Milton, Urania cannot save the mortal poet.

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