

9th Standard English

The Lake Isle of Innisfree Summary

About the Poet

William Butler Yeats (13 June 1865 – 28 January 1939) was an Irish poet and one of the foremost figures of 20th century literature.

In December 1923, Yeats was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature, for his always inspiring poetry, which is a highly artistic and gives expression to the spirit of a whole nation.

Yeats is generally considered as one of the twentieth century's popular English poets. He was a symbolic poet because he used allusive imagery and symbolic structures throughout his career. Yeats chose words and assembled them brilliantly in his poetry. In addition to a particular meaning, they suggest other abstract thoughts that seem more significant. Yeats died at a hotel in France.

Central idea of the Poem

This poem reflects on the tranquillity of life. In fact, living in a cottage is quite different from fast and hectic life. We can enjoy nature when there is peace of mind. But real peace is impossible in a city. We can find it in a solitary place only.

Theme of the Poem

The poet says that he is going to Innisfree (an island in Ireland) to build a

small, simple hut. He will have nine bean-rows and a honeybee hive. He wants to live alone in peace with nature. He has desire to enjoy the slow pace of country side living.

At last, the poet speaks that every night he hears the lake water lapping against the shore. Even though he lives in a city with the crowded roads, he is drawn to the rural sounds of Innisfree. The poet is attracted to the sounds made by the rustling trees. Of course, he has desire to keep himself aloof from the bustling sound of buses for sometime.

