

Dylan Thomas

Life

Dylan Thomas left school at 16 and became a reporter for the South Wales Daily Post. A lot of his work appeared in print when he was still a teenager. A few of his famous works include 'Do not go gentle into that good night', 'And death shall have no dominion', as well as 'Under Milk Wood'. He also wrote stories and radio broadcasts such as 'A Child's Christmas in Wales'.

He married Caitlin Macnamara in 1937 and they brought up their three children in Laugharne, Carmarthenshire. He was not conscripted during the Second World War due to having some lung problems.

He started drinking a lot of alcohol and struggled to earn enough money to support his family. He wrote scripts for the BBC but was poorly paid. His radio recordings brought him to the attention of the public in the 1940s.

He spent some time working in America during the early 1950s and it was whilst on a trip to New York in 1953 that he became very unwell and passed away at the age of 39.

Interesting Facts

He has a plaque in Westminster Abbey, a bronze statue in Swansea city centre and a memorial in Cwmdonkin Park.

Date of Birth/Death

27 October 1914 - 9 November 1953

Place of Birth

Uplands, Swansea, Wales

Famous for

He was a prominent Welsh poet, writer, playwright, screenwriter, novelist and author in the first half of the 20th century.

Who Are They?

Dylan Marlais Thomas was the son of Florence, a seamstress and David Thomas, a teacher. He had one older sister. English was the language spoken at home but both his parents were bilingual and his father would give the children Welsh lessons.

