

Отборочный этап POESIS-2024

Sir Walter Raleigh (c. 1552 or 1554 – 29 October 1618) is famed as a writer, poet, spy, and explorer. Note that many alternate spellings of his surname exist, including Rawley, Raleigh, and Rawleigh; although "Raleigh" appears most commonly today, he himself used that spelling only once. His most consistent preference was for "Ralegh".

Sir Walter Raleigh

What Is Our Life

WHAT is our life? The play of passion.

Our mirth? The music of division:

Our mothers' wombs the tiring-houses be,

Where we are dressed for life's short comedy.

The earth the stage; Heaven the spectator is,

Who sits and views whosoe'er doth act amiss.

The graves which hide us from the scorching sun

Are like drawn curtains when the play is done.

Thus playing post we to our latest rest,

And then we die in earnest, not in jest.

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