

## ABEL, SIÔN, an 18th century Montgomeryshire ballad-writer

**Name:** Siôn Abel  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** Montgomeryshire ballad-writer  
**Area of activity:** Music; Performing Arts; Poetry  
**Author:** David Myrddin Lloyd

Author of ' Cerdd yn erbyn medd-dod, celwydd a chybydd-dra ' (Song against drunkenness, lies and miserliness), which was published by H. Lloyd, of Shrewsbury, in a booklet of three ballads, recorded as No. 154 in **J. H. Davies's *Bibliography of Welsh Ballads***.

An English song of ten stanzas in the Welsh metre known as *tri-thrawiad* is to be found in **NLW MS 14402B**, a manuscript book in the hand of Humphrey Jones of Castle Caereinion (born 1719), which contains, together with other matter, a number of songs by poets of the Meifod and Caereinion districts. The song already mentioned bears the title ' A Christmas Carol, 1783, o waith fy hen feistr,' and it is followed by the note: 'Yr hen Siôn Abel a'i canodd' ('by old Siôn Abel'). It may be presumed that Siôn Abel, the master, did not dwell far from the home of his pupil, Humphrey Jones of Caereinion.

### Author

**David Myrddin Lloyd**, (1909 - 1981)

### Further reading

NLW Archives: 04328Tair o gerddi diddanol

Wikipedia Article: [Siôn Abel](#)

### Works

NLW Archives: Cerdd yn erbyn meddwod. Celwydd a chybydd-dra ar y 'Mesur' a elwir Ffarwel Ned Pugh

### Additional Links

NLW Archives: [NLW MS 14402B: Barddoniaeth a chaneuon](#)

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