

ROBIN CLIDRO (fl. 1580), itinerant minstrel

Name: Robin Clidro
Gender: Male
Occupation: itinerant minstrel
Area of activity: Performing Arts; Poetry
Author: Thomas Parry

a native of the Vale of Clwyd, according to some authorities. (Cludro occurs as a place name in the parish of Llangefni, Anglesey). His verse is of the humorous kind, such as the elegy on his cat, the story of his visit to Ludlow, and the description of certain fishermen. The humour of these songs is often ribald. He employed a metre which is only found in the works of the lower bardic grades and which seems never to have been used for serious poetry. It is a variation of the metre known as *cyhydedd hir*, with a touch of *cyghanedd* between the third and fourth lines. An elegy upon Robin, full of faulty *cyghanedd* in the manner of the bard himself, was sung by **Siôn Tudur**, and it is stated in the title that he was murdered by highwaymen in South Wales. But this may, like many another, be a mock elegy.

Author

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