

EVANS, THOMAS (Telynog; 1840 - 1865), poet

Name: Thomas Evans Pseudonym: Telynog Date of birth: 1840 Date of death: 1865 Parent: Thomas Evans Gender: Male Occupation: poet

Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry Author: Walter Thomas Morgan

Born 8 September 1840 at Cardigan, son of Thomas Evans, boatmaker of that town. At the age of eleven he went to sea in a coastal vessel but, not liking this life, he ran away to Aberdare, where he worked as a miner in Cwm-bach. At an early age he started writing poetry, gaining his first success with a *pryddest* entitled Gostyngeiddrwydd' in an eisteddfod held under the auspices of the Baptist chapel in Cwm-bach, where he was a member. He composed freely both in the free and the strict metres, gaining many successes at local eisteddfodau under the adjudication of poets of such eminence as Islwyn and Cynddelw. At the time of his premature death from consumption at the age of twenty-five he was regarded as one of the most promising poets of Wales. Among his best-known works are the lyrics 'Blodeuyn bach wyf fi mewn gardd' and 'Yr Haf.' The latter is included in *Blodeugerdd* by W. J. Gruffydd. A collected edition of his work arranged by his friend Dafydd Morganwg (D. W. Jones) with a biographical sketch by Hywel Williams was published in 1866. He died 29 April 1865 and was buried in the Aberdare cemetery.

Author

Walter Thomas Morgan, (1912 - 1990)

Further reading

Wikipedia Article: Thomas Evans (poet, 1840-1865)

Works

Thomas Evans, Dafydd Morganwg (ed.), Barddoniaeth Telynog, yn cynnwys pryddestau, caniadau, cywyddau ac englynion (Merthyr Tydfil 1866)

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