

GWILYM DDU O ARFON (fl. c. 1280-1320), poet

Name: Gwilym Ddu O Arfon
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it is said that he lived in the place called Muriau Gwilym Ddu (*Enwogion Sir Gaernarfon*). A little of his work remains in manuscript and this includes two poems in praise of **Sir Gruffydd Llwyd** of Tregarnedd and written while **Gruffydd** was imprisoned in Rhuddlan castle, and an elegy to **Trahaearn Brydydd ap Goronwy**, or **Trahaearn Brydydd Mawr** - Jes. Coll. MS. 1 and 'Llyfr Coch Hergest' (1225, 1229). An *englyn* on the coronation of king Edward II in 1307 is also attributed to him (*Enwogion Sir Gaernarfon*). It is stated that he was poet to **prince Llywelyn ap Gruffydd** (**Edward Jones**, *Relicks* ...) but no examples of his poetry to **Llywelyn** have yet been found.

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