

## HARRI MASTR or 'Syr' HARRI (15th century), poet

**Name:** Harri Mastr  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry; Religion  
**Author:** Ray Looker

of Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire. He was apparently in holy orders, but no proof has yet been found to support the statement that he was the parson of Llandyfaelog. His name is given as Harri (ap) Hywel in some manuscripts, including Havod MS. 3, 'Syr' Harri ap Rhys in [NLW MS 566B](#), while [Cwrtmawr MS 200B](#) gives him as (Mastr) Harri ap Hywel alias Harri Hir. Some of his poetry is found in manuscripts, including poems addressed to [leuan Tew Brydydd leuanc](#). Two bardic controversies, or *ymrysonau*, occurred between the two poets, [leuan](#)'s professed love for a maiden in his old age being the occasion for the first; the second commences with an accusation made by Mastr Harri against [leuan](#) of taking more than his fair share of the wheat.

### Author

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