

## HARRI or HARRY, WILLIAM (Gwilym Garw-dyle, 1763 - 1844), poet

**Name:** William Harri  
**Pseudonym:** Gwilym Garw-dyle  
**Date of birth:** 1763  
**Date of death:** 1844  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 18 December 1763 at Garw-dyle in Penderyn, Brecknock, a grandson, it is said, of the poet *Siôn Llewelyn* of Vaynor. He was a weaver, as were his brothers *Siôn Harri* of Vaynor and *Edward Harri* of Cefn-Coed-y-Cymer. After farming unsuccessfully at Llwyn-onn, Penderyn, he spent the greater part of his life at Pontbrenllwyd; he had nine children. He died 11 July 1844 in the house of one of his sons, at Dowlais, in his eighty-second year. He wrote satirical and religious verse; he was a Unitarian. He published two volumes, *Yr Awen Resymol*, 1828, and *Nodd Awen*, 1835.

### Author

**Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins**, (1881 - 1969)

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