

## IEUAN ap HYWEL SWRDWAL (fl. 1430-1480), poet

**Name:** Ieuan ap Hywel Swrdwal  
**Parent:** Hywel Swrdwal  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Elwyn Evans

son of the poet **Hywel Swrdwal**. Both were associated with the Cydwain district of Powys and with Newtown. They are reputed to have lived for a time at Machynlleth. Among the poems attributed to Ieuan is an *awdl* to the Virgin Mary written in English but using the strict metres and orthography of Welsh. Its title is '*Owdyl i Fair a wnaeth kymbro yn Rhudychen*' etc. and its first line - 'O meichti ladi our leding tw haf.' Elegies to him were written by **Hywel ap Dafydd ap Ieuan ap Rhys**, **Llywelyn Goch y Dant** and **Gruffydd ap Dafydd Fychan**. There is a tradition that he, like his father, wrote a history of Wales from the time of **Cadwaladr** to that of Henry VI, but the work is not extant.

### Author

**Elwyn Evans**

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