

## JONES, DAVID (1803 - 1868), ballad-writer and strolling ballad-singer

**Name:** David Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1803  
**Date of death:** 1868  
**Parent:** David Jones  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** ballad-writer and strolling ballad-singer  
**Area of activity:** Music; Performing Arts; Poetry  
**Author:** Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in 1803 on the estate of Dolau Bach, Llanybyther, Carmarthenshire, son of David Jones, carpenter. He was blinded by accident, and was hence known as 'Dewi Dywyll' ('Blind Davy') - he was also called 'Dewi Medi.'

He was a very well known singer throughout Wales, and is described in *Cymru (O.M.E.)*, xxix, 158 . He died at Lampeter in 1868. We have seventy of his ballads.

### Author

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

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