

## WILLIAMS, THOMAS (Eos Gwynfa, or Eos y Mynydd; c. 1769 - 1848), poet

**Name:** Thomas Williams  
**Pseudonym:** Eos Gwynfa, Eos Y Mynydd  
**Date of birth:** c. 1769  
**Date of death:** 1848  
**Child:** John Williams  
**Child:** Joseph Williams  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Enid Pierce Roberts

Born either in the parish of Llanfyllin or in the parish of Llanfihangel-yng-Ngwynfa, Montgomeryshire, c. 1769. He spent the greater part of his life at Tŷ-uchaf, near Pontysgadarn, Llanfihangel, following his trade as a weaver. He joined the Independents and was one of those responsible for building Braich-y-waun chapel. He was also one of those who persuaded [Ieuan Gwynedd](#) to start preaching. He died November 1848 at the age of 79, and was buried 18 November in Llanfihangel churchyard. He wrote a great deal of poetry, mostly devotional carols suitable for the early Christmas service and for Easter, and five volumes of his works were published during his lifetime: *Telyn Dafydd*, 1820; *Ychydig o Ganiadau Buddiol*, 1824; *Newyddion Gabriel*, 1825, 2nd imp. 1834; *Manna'r Anialwch*, 1831; and *Mer Awen*, 1844. His carols were held in high esteem in a countryside famous for Christmas dawn services. Two of his sons entered the ministry, Joseph, who was at one time minister at Llansilin, and John, who later joined the Baptists.

### Author

**Dr Enid Pierce Roberts**

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