

About the Poet:- S. T. Coleridge

Samuel Taylor Coleridge a leader of the British Romantic movement, was born on October 21, 1772, in Dorsetshire England.... [in Ottery]

His father John Coleridge was a learned school master. His father had three children by his first wife. Samuel was the youngest of ten by the Reverend Mr. Coleridge's second wife, Anne Bowden.

His mother was fortunately more active and she took great care of her sensitive son. In his very young age he read 'The Bible' and 'The Arabian Nights'.

He was not much interested in boyish sports as;

"So I became a dreamer, and acquired indisposition to all bodily activities."

In 1791 he entered Jesus College, Cambridge. He won the Brown Medal for a Greek ode on, the unhappy lot of slaves in West Indies. At Cambridge, his brilliant classical scholarship won him some distinction.

He left the university in 1794 without taking a degree.

He had a keen desire to reform the society.

To full fill this purpose Coleridge faced financial difficulties. In 1795 Coleridge married Sarah Fricker.

He gave lectures on literary and political subject. He was idealistic, sensitive, generous and open hearted.

Coleridge met Wordsworth, the highest priest of Nature in Dorsetshire.

Coleridge has been called the high priest of romanticism. This is so because in his poetry all the chief characteristics of romanticism, find a such expression.



He was an English poet, literary critic, philosopher and theologian who, with his friend William Wordsworth, was a founder of the Romantic Movement in England and a member of the Lake poets. He also stored volumes and collaborated with Charles Lamb, Robert Southey, and Charles Lloyd. His critical work especially on William Shakespeare, was highly influential, and he helped introduce German idealist philosophy to English-speaking culture.

There is a significant division of Coleridge's work as follows:—

[A] Political Poems:—

- 1- Fears in Solitude
- 2- The Destruction of Bastille
- 3- The Ode on the Departing Year.

[B] Personal Poems:—

- 1- The Nightingale
- 2- This Lime Tree Bower my Prison
- 3- Frost at Mid Night
- 4- The English Harp
- 5- Hymn Before Sunrise
- 6- Dejection: An Ode Youth and Age
- 7- Work without Hope.

[C] Romantic Poems:—

- 1- The Ancient Mariner
- 2- Kubla Khan
- 3- Christabel.

In his later life Coleridge suffered from long illness. In his illness Coleridge left this world in 1834.

