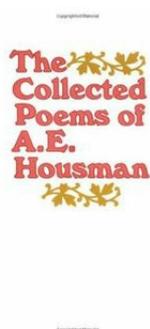


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Could man be drunk for ever With liquor, love, or fights, Lief should I rouse at morning And lief lie down of nights. But men at whiles are sober And think by fits and starts, And if they think, they fasten Their hands upon their hearts. A.E. Housman, The Collected Poems //

Halt by the headstone naming The heart no longer stirred, And say the lad that loved you Was one that kept his word. A.E. Housman, The Collected Poems //

Reader's Opinions

Housman was definitely the Morrissey of the late 1800s.

When green buds hang in the elm like dust And sprinkle the lime like rain, Forth I wander, forth I must And drink of life again. Forth I must by hedgerow bowers To look at the leaves uncurled And stand in the fields where cuckoo flowers Are lying about the world. How does it work? Why is it so sad? The explicit arrival of spring is undermined...