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William Butler Yeats (1865–1939) was an Irish poet, dramatist and writer, and is widely considered to be one of the foremost figures of twentieth-century literature. A prolific writer, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1923. He is perhaps best remembered today for his later works *The Tower* and *Words for Music Perhaps and Other Poems*.

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