

Daffodils" (1804)

I WANDER'D lonely as a cloud

**That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.**

Continuous as the stars that shine

**And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretch'd in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.**

The waves beside them danced; but they

**Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed -- and gazed -- but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:**

For oft, when on my couch I lie

**In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.**

William Wordsworth's "Daffodils" incorporates the ideas and aspects that are essential in poetry from the Romantic movement. Various peaceful images of nature, including a field of daffodils, possess human qualities in the poem. These natural images express Wordsworth's self-reflections, whether it be tranquil solitude at the beginning of the poem or excitement about being in the company of daffodils at the end.

'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth is a typical poem of the Romantic Movement and incorporates the ideas and aspects that are essential in romantic poetry.

The field of daffodils is evidently the subject of this poem, making nature the most apparent feature throughout. As well as this Wordsworth adds a range of natural images such as lakes, trees, stars and even clouds, which are metaphor for himself. Through nature a mood is instantly created from the very first line, "I wandered lonely as a cloud."

The atmosphere established in this poem is very peaceful and the use of nature creates a tranquil yet joyful setting. The imagery of nature and the peacefulness that is created is accomplished through the many metaphors, similes and descriptive language that he uses.

Read the poem carefully and try to write a post, like the ones you read for "The Solitary Reaper".