

A Presentation on
UNDERSTANDING POETRY

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Structure of the Book



British Poetry

- **William William Wordsworth - The Solitary Reaper**
- **John Keats - Ode to a Nightingale**
- **Alfred Lord Tennyson - From In Memoriam**
- **Wilfred Owen - Strange Meeting**
- **Edith Sitwell - Still Falls the Rain**
- **Wystan Hugh Auden - Lay Your Sleeping Head**
- **Stephen Spender - Elegy for Margaret VI**

Indian Poetry

- Very Indian Poem in Indian English
– *Nissim Ezekiel*
- Small-scale Reflections on a Great House
– *A. K. Ramanujan*
- Irani Restaurant Bombay
– *Arun Kolatkar*
- Complaint
– *R. Parthasarathy*
- The Female of the Species
– *Gauri Deshpande*
- Tribute to Papa
– *Mamata Kalia*

American and African Poetry

- **Daddy** - *Sylvia Plath*
- **Who Can Make a Poem of the Depths of Weariness** - *Carl Sandburg*
- **She** - *Jean-Joseph Robearivela*
- **Never Admit the Pain** - *Mary Gilmore*
- **Timbuctu** - *Edward Braithwaite*
- **Nightsong-City** - *Dennis Brutus*

Never Admit the Pain – *Mary Gilmore*

- Full name – Mary Jean Cameron
- Born in - 1864, at Cott Walla near Goulburn, New South Wales
- School teacher in Paraguay
- Married with William Gilmore in 1897
- Returned to Australia in 1902 & settled on a farm near Casterton in western Victoria
- Began to edit the Women's Page of the '*Worker*' in Sydney upto 1931
- In 1912 her hubby joined his brother on land in north Queensland,
- She moved to Sydney with her son
- In 1937 she was made a Dame (*a British title given to a woman as an honour for achievement or for doing good things*) of the British Empire for her share to Australian Literature
- Mary Gilmore – one of two Australian writers (she herself and other was A.B. Paterson) whose photos were printed on the ten-dollar note in 1993.

Never Admit the Pain

The present poem asks the reader to face difficulties and sufferings calmly and tolerantly. Such acceptance will be a sign of courage. Tolerant & calm mind suggests humility which is great virtue to God.

Never Admit the Pain

Never admit the pain,
Bury it deep; only the
Weak complain,
Complaint is cheap.

Cover thy wound, fold
Down its curtained
place;
Silence is still a crown,
Courage a grace.

Instead of complaining, hide it deep
into your heart.

Only those complain who are weak.
'Complain' is just cheap or minor i.e.
not so strong than us.

Hence, just cover your wound
means sorrows, fold-down them
under its curtain i.e. heart.

The quality of being 'silent' is a
crown i.e. great thing.

'Courage' is real 'grace' means
greatest virtue than anything
else, in the world which near to
God.



HAVE A NICE DAY!