

Cummings in the Great War: The Poet as Soldier

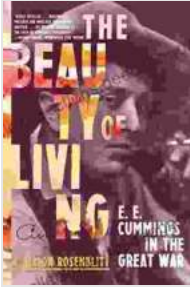


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The Early Years

Edward Estlin Cummings was born on October 14, 1894, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was the son of a Harvard professor and a painter. Cummings was a sickly child and spent much of his early years in bed. As a result, he developed a strong imagination and a love of literature.

Cummings attended Harvard University, where he studied English and Classics. He was a brilliant student and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating from Harvard, Cummings traveled to Europe, where he spent time in Paris and London. He was greatly influenced by the avant-garde art and literature of the time.

The Great War

In 1917, the United States entered World War I. Cummings enlisted in the army and was sent to France. He saw combat in the trenches and was wounded in action. The experience of war had a profound impact on Cummings. He saw the horrors of war firsthand and lost many of his friends.

Cummings' war experiences are reflected in his poetry. His poems are often full of violence and despair. However, they also express a deep love

of life and a belief in the importance of hope. Cummings' war poems are some of the most powerful and moving poems of the 20th century.

The Post-War Years

After the war, Cummings returned to the United States. He continued to write poetry and also worked as a journalist and a teacher. He became one of the most important poets of the 20th century. Cummings' work is characterized by its experimental style and its frank exploration of human emotion.

Cummings died in 1962 at the age of 67. He is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston. Cummings' legacy as a poet continues to grow. He is considered one of the most important and influential poets of the 20th century.

Cummings' War Poetry

Cummings' war poetry is some of the most powerful and moving poetry of the 20th century. His poems capture the horrors of war and the deep pain and loss experienced by those who fought in it. However, Cummings' poems also express a deep love of life and a belief in the importance of hope.

One of Cummings' most famous war poems is "i sing of Olaf glad and big."

E. E. CUMMINGS

*"i sing of Olaf
glad and big"*

a recitation by

JACK COOK

This poem tells the story of a young soldier who is killed in action. The poem is full of grief and sorrow, but it also celebrates the life of the young soldier and his courage.

Another one of Cummings' famous war poems is "the Cambridge lads who died in Spain."

The Cambridge Ladies Who Live In Furnished Souls

the Cambridge ladies who live in furnished souls
are unbeautiful and have comfortable minds
(also, with the church's protestant blessings
daughters, unscented shapeless spirited)
they believe in Christ and Longfellow, both dead,
are invariably interested in so many things-
at the present writing one still finds
delighted fingers knitting for the is it Poles?

perhaps. While permanent faces coyly bandy
scandal of Mrs. N and Professor D
....the Cambridge ladies do not care, above
Cambridge if sometimes in its box of
sky lavender and cornerless, the
moon rattles like a fragment of angry candy

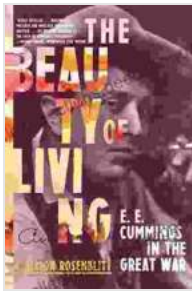
E. E. Cummings

Excerpt from E.E. Cummings' poem "the Cambridge lads who died in Spain"

This poem is a tribute to the young men from Cambridge who died fighting in the Spanish Civil War. The poem is full of anger and frustration, but it also expresses a deep sense of pride and admiration.

Cummings' war poetry is a powerful and moving body of work. His poems capture the horrors of war and the deep pain and loss experienced by those who fought in it. However, Cummings' poems also express a deep love of life and a belief in the importance of hope.

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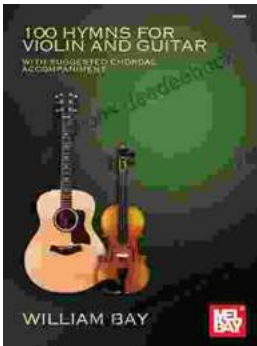
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