

Percy Bysshe Shelley



Born into a wealthy family in Sussex, England, Percy Bysshe Shelley was expelled from Oxford for writing *The Necessity of Atheism*. His radical lifestyle at times detracted from the appreciation of his work. He called poets "the unacknowledged legislators of the world." In Shelley's short life — he drowned while sailing at age 29 — he produced gorgeous lyrical poetry quintessential of the Romantic Era. He is perhaps best remembered for the mythical poem *Prometheus Unbound* and for *Adonais*, an elegy to his friend John Keats.