Robert Burns: Scotland’s Bard

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Discover the life, times, poetry, and songs of Robert Burns. Each work presented will include a discussion of its background, its significance to Burns, and an English glossing of Scots words. The instructor will read through each work and provide the English meaning of words in the Scot’s dialect as well as additional information about the poem. The class will then listen to professional recordings of each work as read or sung by a native Scots performer. Biographical and historical information on Burns and his times will supplement the class presentations. The instructor will provide all materials needed for the class. Some of the poems to be presented in class are listed below.

LIST OF POEMS AND SONGS:

1. Auld Lang Syne
2. To a Mouse
3. To a Louse
4. Holy Willie's Prayer
5. Epitaph on Holy Willie
6. Address to a Haggis
7. My Luve is like a Red Rose
8. Tam O' Shanter
9. A Man's a Man for A' That
10. Ae Fond Kiss
11. My Heart's in the Highlands
12. Handsome Nell
13. Ca’ the Yowes to the Knows
14. Willie Brew'd a Peck O' Maut
15. The Banks o' Doon
16. The Twa Dogs
17. Green Grow the Rashes
18. A Braw Wooer
19. Ay Waukin O
20. Tae the Weavers
21. The Death and Dying Words of Poor Mailie
22. Poor Malie's Elegy
23. There'll Never be Peace Till Jamie Comes Home
24. Highland Mary
25. Ye Jacobites by Name
26. I Love My Jean
27. John Anderson My Jo
28. Scots Wha Hae
29. There Was a Lad was Born in Kyle
30. Westin Winds
31. Parcel o' Rogues
32. Address To the Tooth-Ach
33. Flow Gently Sweet Afton
34. The Deil’s Awa Wi’ the Exciseman
35. Address to the Unco Guid
36. Address of Beelzebub
37. Tibbie I Hae Seen The Day
38. I'm O'er Young to Marry Yet
39. Leezie Lindsay
40. Charlie, He's My Darli