

Hello,

Welcome to the 'John Keats in 1819' study day. It's the 200th anniversary of Keats' *annus mirabilis*, his miraculous year, so called because it is the year when he wrote most of his works and his finest ones, almost as though he knew he was running out of time.

We will focus on the following poems he wrote that year. They are readily available on the internet, but cheap copies of Keats' poetry are also widely available. I believe you'll find the poems listed below in either the Selected or Collected Works of Keats. For example, *The Complete Poems of John Keats* (Wordsworth Poetry Library) is £3.98 for a new copy, and less for a used copy.

While you don't need to read the poetry before the workshop, please do bring copies of the poems with you as we shall be doing some 'close reading' of the poems.

These are the poems we will study, time permitting:

The Eve of St. Agnes
La Belle Dame sans Merci
Ode to Psyche
Ode to a Nightingale
Ode on a Grecian Urn
Ode on Melancholy
To Autumn
Lamia
Isabella

Enjoy some of the finest poems in the English language over the summer, and I look forward to discussing them in July.

Regards

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