

The Great Poets Wordsworth

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Wordsworth (1770–1850) was born in Cockermouth, in the Lake District. His *Lyrical Ballads*, written in collaboration with Coleridge, was published in 1798, and shortly afterwards he settled in Dove Cottage, Grasmere, with his sister Dorothy. Inspired in his early manhood by the French Revolution, he grew disillusioned with revolutionary politics and in later life became decidedly conservative. He left a vast body of work, ranging from delicately simple lyrics to deeply meditative odes – his most fully-realised ambitious work being *The Prelude*.

Oxford Doctor of Philosophy and former Edinburgh University lecturer **Oliver Ford Davies** has, over the last forty years, become one of our most esteemed theatrical and television actors. He spent 12 years with the RSC performing in over 25 productions and won the Olivier Award for Best Actor for *Racing Demon* whilst at the National Theatre. His television work includes five series of *Kavanagh QC*, *Inspector Morse*, *David Copperfield* and *Sparkling Cyanide*; his films include *The Mother*, *Johnny English*, *Mrs. Brown* and *Atonement*. He has also read the part of Diogenes Laertius from *Ancient Greek Philosophy, An Introduction*, for Naxos AudioBooks.

Jasper Britton played the lead in the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre production of *Richard III* and has also worked for the Royal National Theatre and the RSC. His television appearances include *The Bill* and *Peak Practice*. He also reads *Poets of the Great War* and *Treasure Island* for Naxos AudioBooks.



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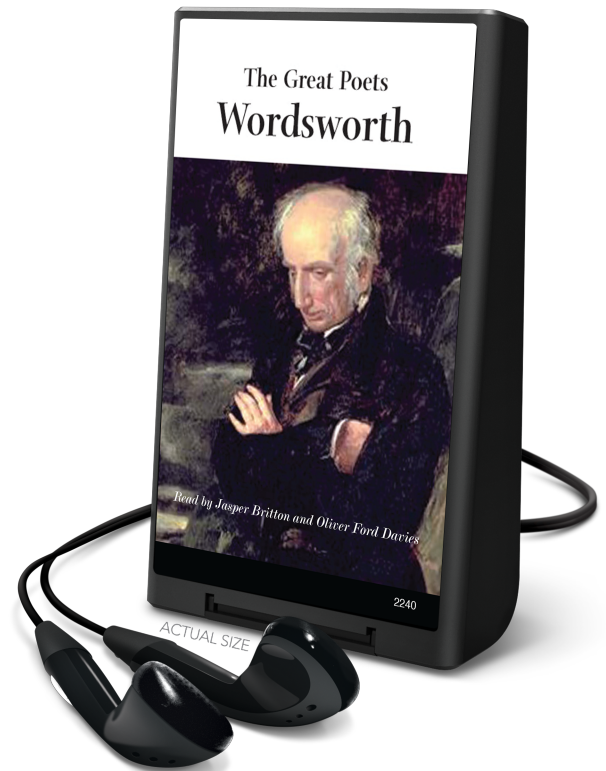


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