
The Frog and The Nightingale
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- At the literal level, the poem is a tale set in a wet and muddy area called Bingle Bog.
- The frog was the noisiest creature here and the others had no choice but to listen to his croaking, for it could not be dissuaded from singing (lines 11-14).
- A nightingale arrived here one night and enchanted all with her song.
- When she returned the next night, the frog checked her as soon as she was about to begin her song, introduced himself pompously (lines 59-62).
- Initially, the nightingale was reluctant (lines 55 and 56) but the frog convinced her - made her sing and charged a fee from the audience.
- He made her practice for long hours and exhausted her (line 85 and 87) - increased the pressure on her (lines 101, 104 and 105).
- The pressure began to tell on her (lines 115 and 116).

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