

# Download John Berryman, An Introduction To Poetry

John Allyn McAlpin Berryman (born John Allyn Smith, Jr.; October 25, 1914 – January 7, 1972) was an American poet and scholar, born in McAlester, Oklahoma. He was a major figure in American poetry in the second half of the 20th century and was considered a key figure in the Confessional school of poetry. His best-known work is *The Dream Songs*. This essay looks in detail at an unfinished cycle of Holocaust poems called *The Black Book* that was begun by the American poet John Berryman in 1948. The essay includes close readings of three published poems and analysis of unpublished material from Confessional poetry or "Confessionalism" is a style of poetry that emerged in the United States during the 1950s. It has been described as poetry of the personal or "I", focusing on extreme moments of individual experience, the psyche, and personal trauma, including previously and occasionally still taboo matters such as mental illness, sexuality, and suicide, often set in relation to broader ...

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