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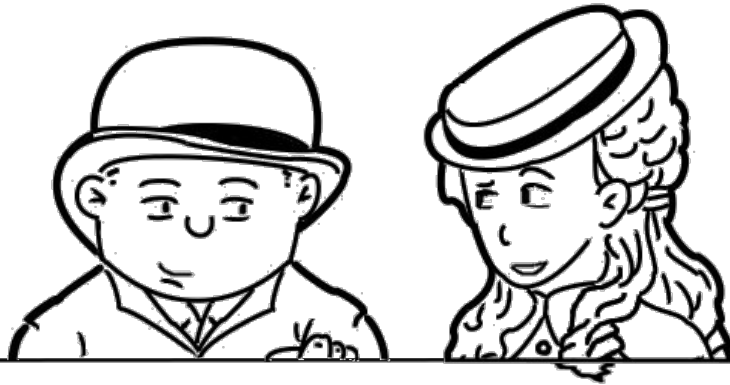
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# 035 - Tennyson and Victorianism -- 04/07/2017*



*Welcome to topic number 35... today  
we will be looking at our Poet  
Laureate, Lord Alfred Tennyson and  
his role in the Victorian period.*



*Alfred, Lord Tennyson, like Charles Dickens, Matthew Arnold, Charles Kingsley, T.H. Huxley, and Victoria herself, is one of the people meant when we speak of "the Victorians."*



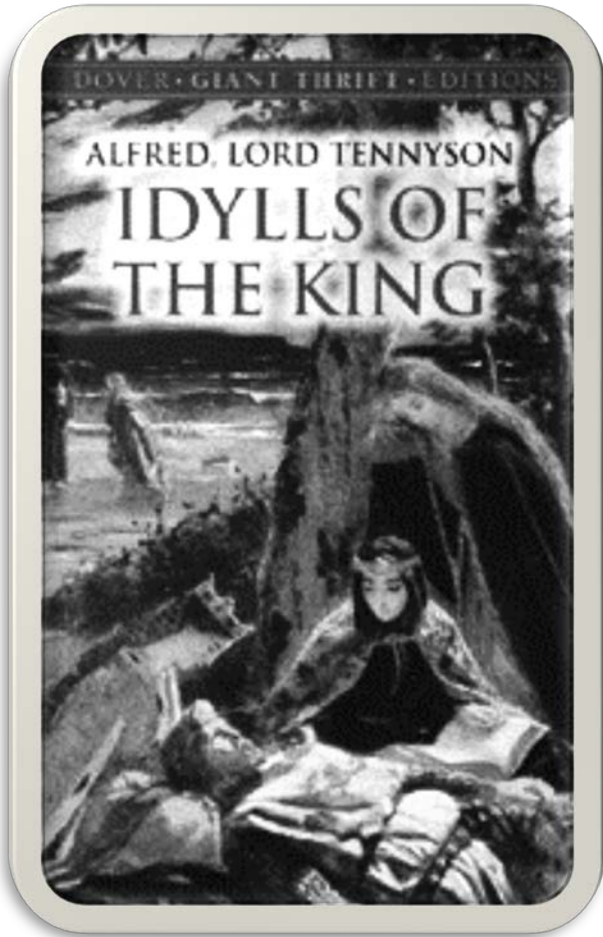
*What makes Tennyson so Victorian is his ready acceptance of the mores of his day, his willingness to conform to popular taste, to write a poetry easily understood and enjoyed.*

Death closes all; but something ere the end,  
Some work of noble note, may yet be done.

Alfred Tennyson







*He has written poems on the death of Lord Nelson, on the birth of Princess Alexandra, and will dedicate the complete Idylls of the King to Albert, Victoria's beloved husband.*





*But again, we should  
remember Tennyson knows  
and likes the royal family.*



*Prince Albert visits him on the Isle of Wight just shortly after he and his family moved in, and the Queen has summoned him to court several times.*





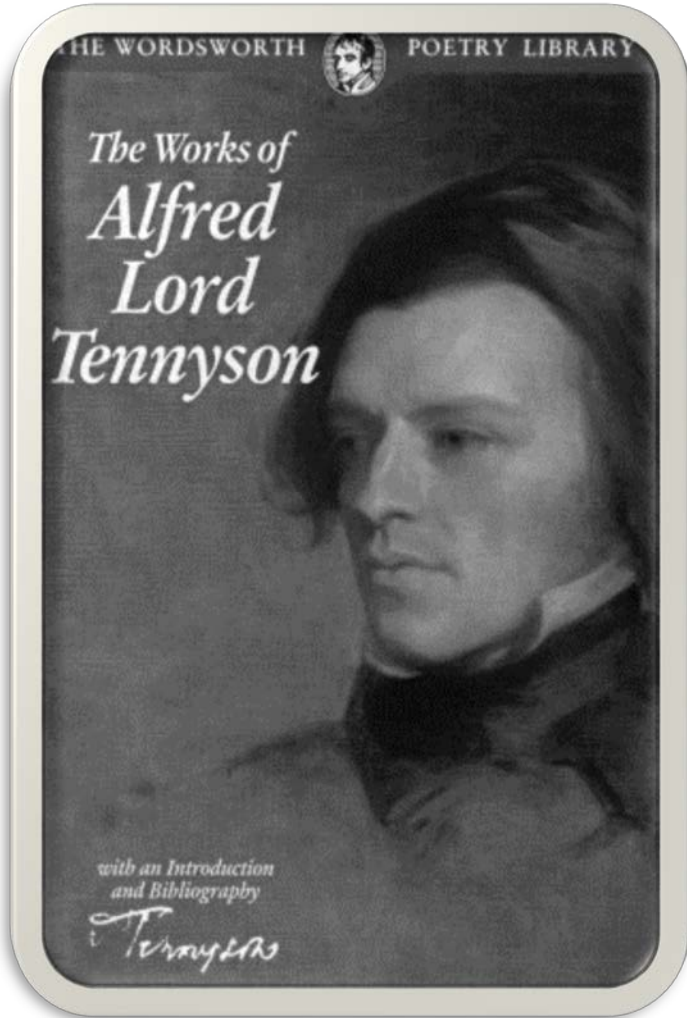
*It will be at her insistence Tennyson will accept his title, having declined it once when Disraeli offered it and again when Gladstone did.*



**"A lie which is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies."**

**Alfred Lord Tennyson**





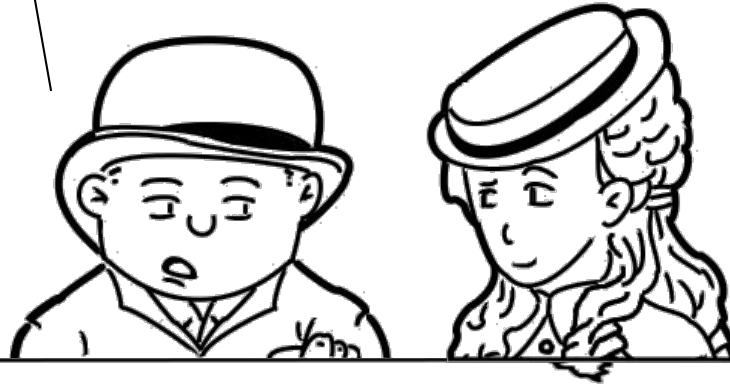
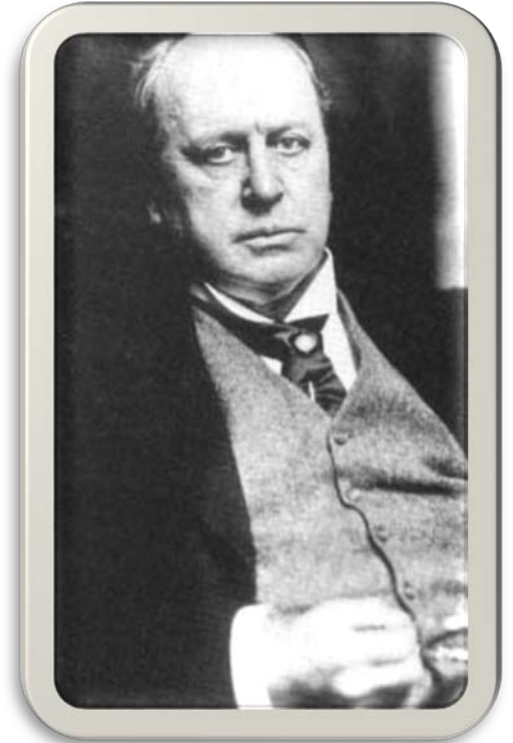
*Partly as a result of his position as a public and nationalist figure, Tennyson is by far the most popular poet of the Victorian era.*



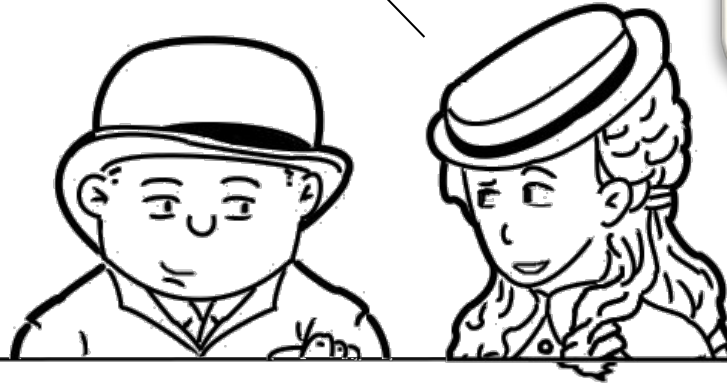
*No poet will ever be so completely a national poet...*



*...Henry James will say in 1875  
Tennyson's verse has become  
"part of the civilization of his  
day."*



*This probably explains why literary opinion will turn so sharply against him in the earlier part of the twentieth century, as we will react against all things Victorian.*

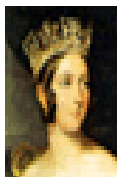




*So we have completed  
topic 35 in our series...*

*Yes, but we'll be back  
with another topic  
soon...*





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