

# Epicurus And The Dylan Thomas Poem - "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night"

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Dylan Thomas is perhaps the most inspirational poet (though not the only one) for me - in terms of his creative and unique use of language (less in this villanelle, I think, than others - such as "Fern Hill" \*). I discovered him by accident in me undergraduate years, pulling his *Collected Poems* off a shelf in the library stacks: I ended up cutting all my afternoon classes to read him. 😬

If I were marooned on a desert island, and could have only one book of poetry, this would be it. [Emily Dickinson's *Collected Poems* would be the other, if I could have two - which might point to a certain poetic schizophrenia! 😭😄]

With that said, I think neither this poem nor Dylan generally can be considered Epicurean.

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\* <https://poets.org/poem/fern-hill>. I would love to hear Sheen recite this one! (I used to have a recording of another Welsh actor, Richard Burton, reading Thomas.)