

When Were the *Lucy Poems* Written and Published?

◆ Composition Period:

William Wordsworth wrote the *Lucy Poems* between **1798 and 1801**, during a particularly productive phase of his early poetic career.

◆ Context:

These poems were composed while Wordsworth was in **Germany in the winter of 1798–1799**, along with his sister **Dorothy Wordsworth** and close friend **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**. The cold, isolation, and longing for home are believed to have influenced the melancholy tone of the poems.

Individual Publication Details:

1. **“Strange Fits of Passion Have I Known”**
 -  **Written:** 1798
 -  **Published:** 1800 in *Lyrical Ballads* (2nd edition)
 2. **“She Dwelt Among the Untrodden Ways”**
 -  **Written:** 1798
 -  **Published:** 1800 in *Lyrical Ballads* (2nd edition)
 3. **“A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal”**
 -  **Written:** 1798
 -  **Published:** 1800 in *Lyrical Ballads* (2nd edition)
 4. **“Three Years She Grew in Sun and Shower”**
 -  **Written:** 1798–1799
 -  **Published:** 1800 in *Lyrical Ballads* (2nd edition)
 5. **“I Travelled Among Unknown Men”**
 -  **Written:** 1801
 -  **Published:** 1807 in *Poems in Two Volumes*
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First Collection:

The first four *Lucy Poems* were published **anonymously** in the **second edition of *Lyrical Ballads* (1800)**, a foundational text of English Romantic poetry by **Wordsworth and Coleridge**. The fifth poem appeared later in Wordsworth’s *Poems in Two Volumes* (1807).