

DAVIES, JOHN ELIAS (Telynor y Gogledd; 1847 - 1883), harpist and accompanist

**Name:** John Elias Davies  
**Pseudonym:** Telynor Y Gogledd  
**Date of birth:** 1847  
**Date of death:** 1883  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** harpist and accompanist  
**Area of activity:** Eisteddfod; Music; Performing Arts  
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Born 20 March 1847 at Bethesda, Caernarfonshire. He was taught to play the harp by [James Hughes](#) (Iago Bencerdd), Trefriw, D. Morris, Bangor, and William Streatham, Liverpool. When he was 12 years of age he won a prize at the Llangollen eisteddfod (1858) for playing the harp. In later years he won the principal prizes at the eisteddfodau held at Conway (1861), Caernarvon (1862), Rhyl (1863), Llandudno (1864), Flint (1867), and elsewhere. His knowledge of Welsh harp music was profound, and he was considered the most accomplished accompanist of his day. He died 25 January 1883 and was buried in Glanogwen cemetery, Bethesda.

## Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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