

EVANS, THOMAS (Telynog; 1840 - 1865), poet

Name: Thomas Evans
Pseudonym: Telynog
Date of birth: 1840
Date of death: 1865
Parent: Thomas Evans
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Eisteddfod; Poetry
Author: Walter Thomas Morgan

Born 8 September 1840 at Cardigan, son of Thomas Evans, boatmaker of that town. At the age of eleven he went to sea in a coastal vessel but, not liking this life, he ran away to Aberdare, where he worked as a miner in Cwm-bach. At an early age he started writing poetry, gaining his first success with a pryddest entitled 'Gostyngeidd-rwydd' in an eisteddfod held under the auspices of the Baptist chapel in Cwm-bach, where he was a member. He composed freely both in the free and the strict metres, gaining many successes at local eisteddfodau under the adjudication of poets of such eminence as [Islwyn](#) and [Cynddelw](#). At the time of his premature death from consumption at the age of twenty-five he was regarded as one of the most promising poets of Wales. Among his best-known works are the lyrics 'Blodeuyn bach wyf fi mewn gardd' and 'Yr Haf.' The latter is included in *Blodeugerdd* by [W. J. Gruffydd](#). A collected edition of his work arranged by his friend [Dafydd Morganwg](#) (D. W. Jones) with a biographical sketch by Hywel Williams was published in 1866. He died 29 April 1865 and was buried in the Aberdare cemetery.

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