

## HUGHES, ROBERT (Robin Ddu yr Ail o Fôn; 1744 - 1785), poet

**Name:** Robert Hughes  
**Pseudonym:** Robin Ddu Yr Ail O Fôn  
**Date of birth:** 1744  
**Date of death:** 1785  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** poet  
**Area of activity:** Poetry  
**Author:** Griffith Thomas Roberts

Born at Ceint Bach, Penmynydd, Anglesey. He was taught by Ellis Thomas, curate of Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf and was trained as a lawyer's clerk in Emrys Lewis of Trysglwyn's office at Beaumaris. He was a schoolmaster successively at Penmynydd, Heneglwys, Cerrig-ceinwen, Bodedern, and Amlwch; from 1763 to 1783 he was clerk to Ratcliffe Sidebottom, barrister-at-law, of Essex Court, Temple, London. As a poet he modelled himself on [Goronwy Owen](#). He published his *cywydd* 'Molawd Môn' in *Diddanwch teuluaidd*, 1763, and his *cywydd* 'Y Byd' in *Y Cylchgrawn Cymraeg*, 1793. His best work is his *cywydd* 'Myfyrdod y Bardd am ei Gariad,' published in the *North Wales Gazette*, 15 September 1808. While in London he was a prominent member of the Welsh societies; in 1777 he was joint librarian with [Richard Fenton](#) to the Society of Cymmrodorion; he had helped to found the Society of Gwyneddigion, was its secretary and treasurer for three years, and was its president in 1778. He helped [Owain Myfyr](#) to get together the works of the poets for publication. His health broke down in London and he came to Caernarvon where he opened a school in 1783. He died 27 February 1785, and was buried in Hen-eglwys churchyard near Llangefni. The cost of erecting his tombstone was borne by the Society of Gwyneddigion.

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