

PARRY, ROBERT (Robyn Ddu Eryri; 1804 - 1892), poet

Pseudonym: Robyn Ddu Eryri Date of birth: 1804 Date of death: 1892 Gender: Male Occupation: poet Area of activity: Poetry

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