

PRYDYDD BYCHAN, Y (fl. 1220-1270), a poet of South Wales,

Pseudonym: Prydydd Bychan, Y

Gender: Male

Occupation: a poet

Area of activity: Poetry

Author: David Myrddin Lloyd

Over twenty series of *englynion* of his work are to be found in the [Hendregadredd manuscript](#) and [The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales](#). Most of these poems are in praise of descendants of the 'lord' Rhys, and minor rulers and court officials in Dyfed, Ystrad Tywi, and Ceredigion. References are made to fighting, particularly in Roose and around Pembroke. There is also a series of *englynion* to [Owain Goch](#) which must be dated between 1244 and 1254 during the days of that prince's freedom. He sang an elegy to Rhys Ieuanc (died 1222), to [Rhys Gryg](#) (died 1234), to [Owain ap Gruffudd ap Rhys](#) (died 1236), and other series of eulogy and elegy to Maredudd ab Owain (died 1265).

The works of this poet follow in the manuscripts those of [Phylip Brydydd](#), his contemporary, who also sang the praises of the same princes; hence they are easily associated, and it would appear highly that Y Prydydd Bychan is to be identified with the ' Gwilym ' who is mentioned by [Gwilym Ddu of Arfon](#) (see [The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales](#), 277b). This would associate Y Prydydd Bychan with Ceredigion, and it is to be noted that the poet refers in his poems to Llanarth, Gwynionydd, Strata Florida, and Caron. In [The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales](#), 357b, the *englynion* attributed to Y Prydydd Bychan in [The Myvyrian Archaiology of Wales](#), 262b are ascribed to Dewi Mynyw.

Author

David Myrddin Lloyd, (1909 - 1981)

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