

RHISIERDYN, a Gwynedd poet of the latter half of the 14th century

Name: Rhisierdyn
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
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His canon has not been fixed, and there are textual confusions. In the *Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies*, vol. i, part 2, 123-33, Dr. Henry Lewis published a study of the poems attributed to him in the *R. B. H. Poetry* and in *The Myvyrian Archaeology of Wales* Rhisierdyn sang panegyric *awdlau* to Gronwy (Fychan) ap Tudur (died 1382; see *Ednyfed Fychan*) and to Myfanwy his wife, and an elegiac *awdl* to Sir Hywel y Fwyall. The *awdl* to the abbot of Aberconwy which *The Myvyrian Archaeology of Wales* attributes to Casnodyn is given in NLW MS 4973B 260b to Rhisierdyn, and Peniarth MS 118 (140) attributes to Rhisierdyn the pious ode 'y Duw uchaf y Kyfarchaf ...' which is ascribed in *R. B. H. Poetry* (col. 1251) to Bleddyn Ddu. Many manuscripts (e.g. Bodl. 1 and 2, Peniarth MS 90 and Peniarth MS 100) include a panegyric *cywydd* to Hwlcyn ap Howel ap Ierwerth Ddu of Presaddfed, Anglesey ('Cad ddirwy keidw ddwyrodd'), which they attribute to Rhisierdyn. A pilgrimage by Hwlcyn to Jerusalem is mentioned in this poem.

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Further reading

Nerys Ann Jones and Erwain Haf Rheinallt (eds.), *Gwaith Sefnyn, Rhisierdyn, Gruffudd Fychan Ap Gruffud Ab Ednyfed a Llywarch Bentwrch* (Aberystwyth 1995)

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