

ROBERTS, DAVID (Dewi Havhesp; 1831 - 1884), poet

Name: David Roberts
Pseudonym: Dewi Havhesp
Date of birth: 1831
Date of death: 1884
Parent: Margaret Roberts
Parent: Robert Roberts
Gender: Male
Occupation: poet
Area of activity: Poetry
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born in May 1831 at Penrhos, but the family removed in a few weeks to Pen'singrug, Llanfor, Meironnydd - the stream after which he took his bardic name flows through Llanfor hamlet. He was the eldest of the eleven children of Robert and Margaret Roberts; the mother was grand-daughter of the hymnist [William Edwards](#) (1773 - 1853), and was thus related to the poet [Robert William\(s\)](#) (1744 - 1815) of Pandy. Dewi was a tailor; his life was irregular and he was often destitute. He lived for a while at Cefnddwysarn, but afterwards mostly at Llandderfel; he died in the workhouse at Bala, 27 August 1884, and was buried at Llandderfel. He published, in 1876, a small volume, *Oriau'r Awen*, which has run into three editions - the last in 1927. Very competent judges have deemed him one of the best composers of englynion.

Author

Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Sources

The prefaces to the various editions of his book

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