The Poems Of John Dryden

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After John Donne and John Milton, John Dryden was the greatest English poet of the seventeenth century. After William Shakespeare and Ben Jonson, he was the greatest playwright. And he has no peer as a writer of prose, especially literary criticism, and as a translator. Dryden's other great poems—Annus Mirabilis (1667), Religio Laici (1682), The Hind and the Panther (1687), Anne Killigrew (1686), Alexander's Feast (1697), and "To My Honour'd Kinsman" (1700)—are not satires either. And he contributed a wonderful body of occasional poems: panegyrics, odes, elegies, prologues, and epilogues. JOHN DRYDEN Poems - JOHN DRYDEN Famous Poems from Poetry.net. John Dryden was an English poet, literary critic, translator, and playwright who was made Poet Laureate in 1668. Update this biography. Complete biography of JOHN DRYDEN». FAVORITE (0 fans). Famous poems by JOHN DRYDEN John Dryden was a man of many talents. A prolific writer throughout his lifetime and writing over the span of nearly 40 years, he dabbled in a wide range of genres including drama, poetry, criticism, and translation. As a poet, Dryden is best known as a satirist; although he only wrote a handful of satires, they were influential in their time and occupy a position of significance within the English canon to this day. In addition to satires, Dryden wrote several other poems in a variety of genres, including elegies, prologues, epilogues, odes, and panegyrics. His most famous poem is Absalom and... This poem secured for Dryden the position of Poet Laureate upon the death of William D'Avenant in 1668.