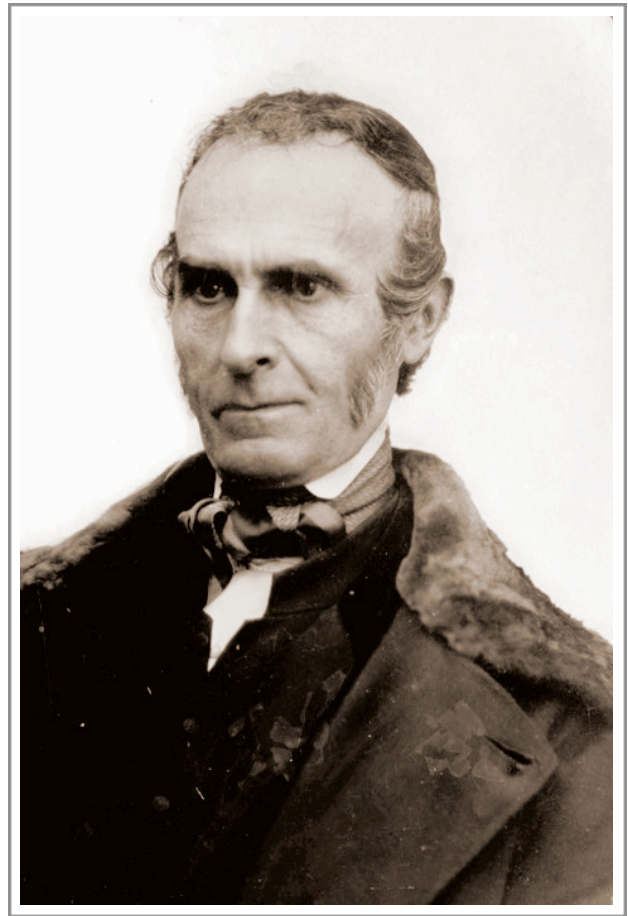


## The Narrative Assignment 9

- This week you will continue reading slave narratives. Read John Greenleaf Whittier's "The Slave Ships" and "To William Lloyd Garrison" and complete the study guide material. There is a picture of John Greenleaf Whittier on the right.
- Read Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "The Warning" and "The Slave Singing at Midnight" and complete the study guide material.
- Memorize John Donne's "Death, Be Not Proud," parts 1 and 2.
- Be sure to set up an interview with the subject of your biography—and get ready to record the interview for posterity with a recording device so that you can send me an mp3 file.
- Write the first two lines of your ballad. You must make it iambic tetrameter (first line) and iambic trimeter (second line). Use the ballads in your textbook as examples. The first stanza will set the mood of the poem. Listen to **The Ballad of Spring Hill** for inspiration. You can also listen to the **coal mine disaster sung by Jean Ritchie**, which is a poignant story about a coal mine disaster, the lyrics of which are below:



Say, did you see him walking? it was early this morning  
He passed by your house on his way to the coal  
He was tall, he was slender, and his dark eyes so tender.  
His occupation was mining, West Virginia his home.

It was just before twelve, I was feeding the children  
Ben Moseley came running for to give us the news  
Number eight is all flooded, many men are in danger,  
And we don't know their number, but we fear they're all doomed.

So I picked up the baby and I left all the others  
To comfort each other and pray for our own.  
There is Timmy, fourteen, and there's John, not much younger,  
Their own time soon will be coming to go down the black hole.

For if I had the money to do more than just feed them,  
I'd give them good learning, the best could be found,  
So when they grow up they'd be checkers and weighers  
And not spend their time drilling in the dark underground.

Now what can I say to his poor little children?  
Or what can I tell his old mother at home?  
Or what can I say to my heart that's clear broken,  
To my heart that's clear broken if my darling is gone?

Say, did you see him going so early this morning?  
He walked by your houses on his way to the coal  
He was tall, he was slender, and his dark eyes so tender;  
His occupation was miner, West Virginia his home.

Source:

<https://songmeanings.com/songs/view/3530822107859456160/>

### **Long Range Assignments**

- The book report will be due **the third Friday in January**. The book report format sheet is online.
- Your ballad will be due on **the second Friday of January**.
- Interview must be completed by **the third Friday in November**.