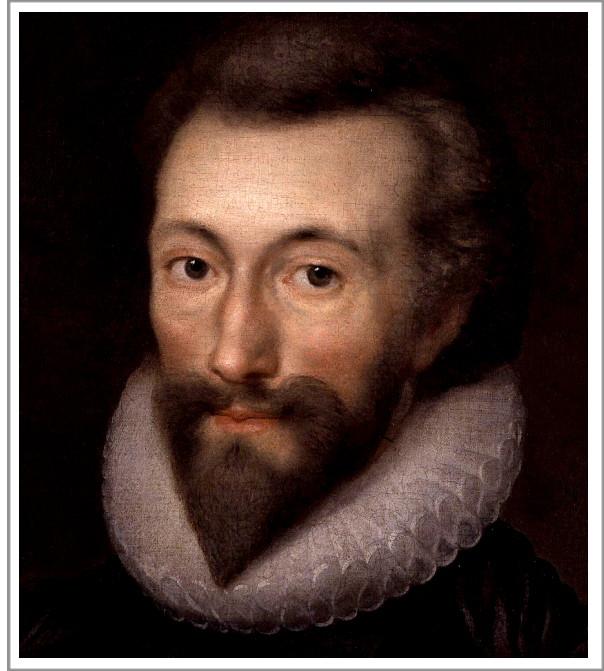


Classic Works Assignment 27

- *poetry memorization.* Memorize "stanzas" 1 of John Donne's poem "A Hymn to God the Father." The poem is divided up into three parts. This poem makes an interesting pun. Can you tell what it is?
- *midsummer night's dream.* Make sure that you bring a copy of *Midsummer Night's Dream* to next week's class (and every week thereafter).
- *speech night speech.* Revise your speech night speech following my directions, and send it in an email before Friday's class. *Since this is your only assignment this week, please work hard on your composition, whether it is the letter or the essay.*



A Hymn to God the Father By John Donne

- Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done;
For I have more.
- Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sins their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done;
For I have more.
- I have a sin of fear, that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by Thyself that at my death Thy Son
Shall shine as He shines now and heretofore:
And having done that, Thou hast done;
I fear no more.