



ROBERT BRIDGES AND THE POETIC ART

An artist writing on his art is always interesting. He speaks with an authority to which no mere critic can lay claim.

Shelley wrote a "Necessity of Atheism" and a "Defence of Poetry." The first is said to have been a dry argument, the second is eloquent and impassioned.

In England poetry is not commonly thought of as an art but rather as a sort of spontaneous ebullition of emotion, with something of an implicit antithesis between art and inspiration.

In the very interesting memoir of his school-friend Dolben, a young poet who died on the threshold of manhood, Mr. Bridges has told us how he first approached poetry.

A kind of lordly independence combines with fastidious independence in the poet's temperament. Yet there was nothing morose in this retirement.

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to the Baltic (it was the time of the Crimean War). Cloudless sky and calm and blue the sea.

And again of the Duke of Wellington, "whose white hairs in this my earliest scene had scarce more honored than accustomed been."

In one of the Shorter Poems there is another reminiscence, tinged with a sort of mystical feeling not often found in the poet's verse.

And in this latest pamphlet Mr. Bridges tells us of the singular fascination which music and musical instruments had for him as a boy.

Far sooner I would choose The life of brutes that bask Than set myself a task Which inborn powers refuse:

And country life I praise And lead, because I find The philosophic mind Can take no middle ways:

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