

# RUPERT BROOKE

## Poet and Soldier



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# Childhood

Was born on **August 3, 1887**

Typical English boy who was a member of a **well-to-do family** (благополучная семья)

He was academically clever, good at sports - he represented the school in cricket and rugby-and had a disarming character.

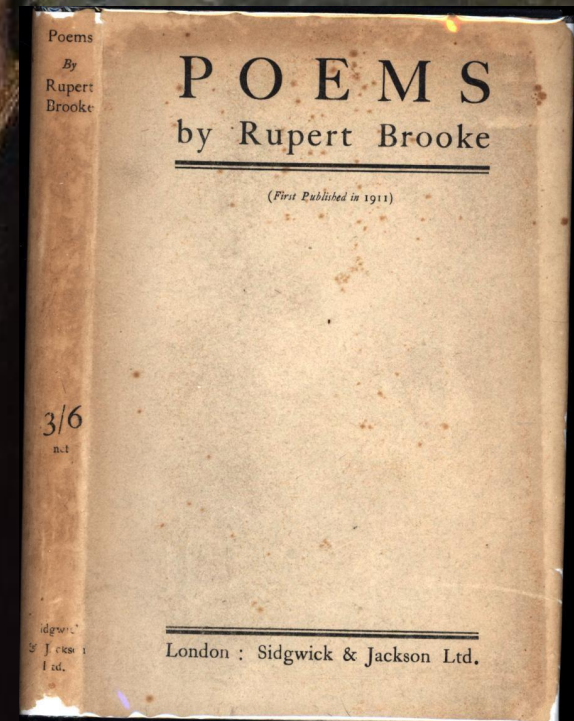
A lover of verse since the age of nine, he won the school poetry prize in 1905.





# Education

- A year later in 1906, he attended King's College, Cambridge.
- **A visible figure in English intellectual circles**
- Brooke published his first poems in 1909; his first book, *Poems*, appeared in 1911.
- However, his poems from this period were considered “...**literary exercises.**”



# Between graduation and World War I

## Poetry about love and nature



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With a journal—written  
before he died—by  
Edward, Duke of  
Edinburgh, the  
brother of King  
George V, and  
the son of  
the Duke of  
Devonshire.

RUPERT BROOKE  
Rupert Brooke was  
born in Exeter, England,  
in 1896. He was a  
poet and a soldier.  
He died in 1915, at  
the age of 31, while  
serving in the Royal  
Naval Volunteer  
Detachment. He was  
one of the most  
popular poets of his  
generation. His poetry  
was characterized by  
its simplicity and  
its directness. He was  
also a soldier and  
died in the First  
World War. His  
poetry is still  
read and loved  
today.



BRUNETTE TYPE  
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It is not in all the  
modern periodicals, it is  
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MRS. L. L. BROWN,  
the first and only  
model in "The  
Brunette Type"

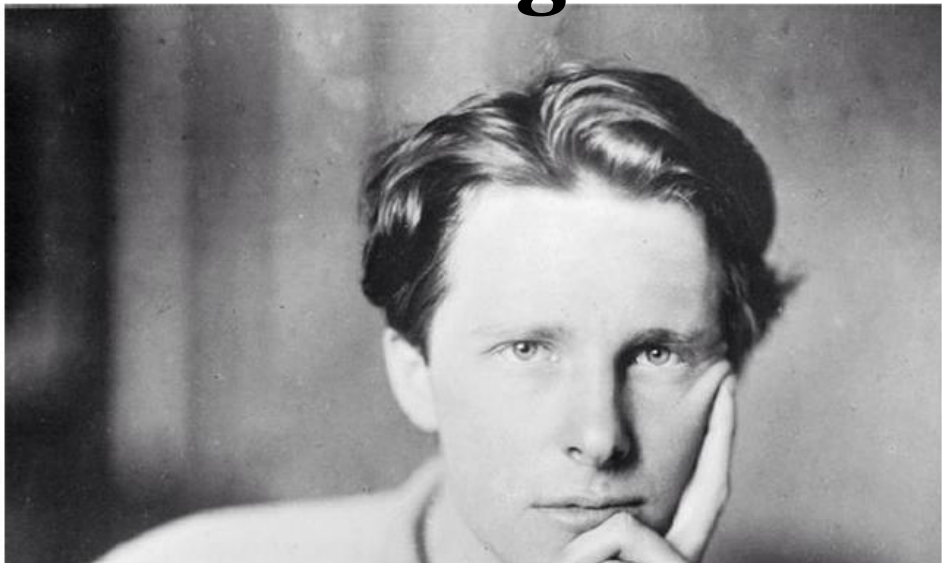
BRUNETTE TYPE  
The Brunette Type  
is a type of  
woman who is  
popular in  
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and is the most  
popular type of  
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**A sexual** crisis—confusion about homosexual impulses and relationships with a woman, with whom he was in love, were broken up. This reflected in **a nervous breakdown.**



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A trip to Germany marked the beginning of almost **three years of constant travel.**

In Tahiti he wrote "**the best of his poems, and probably the most unbroken happiness of his life.**"

Several poems are considered to be among his most effective, including "**Tiare Tahiti**" and "**The Great Lover**".

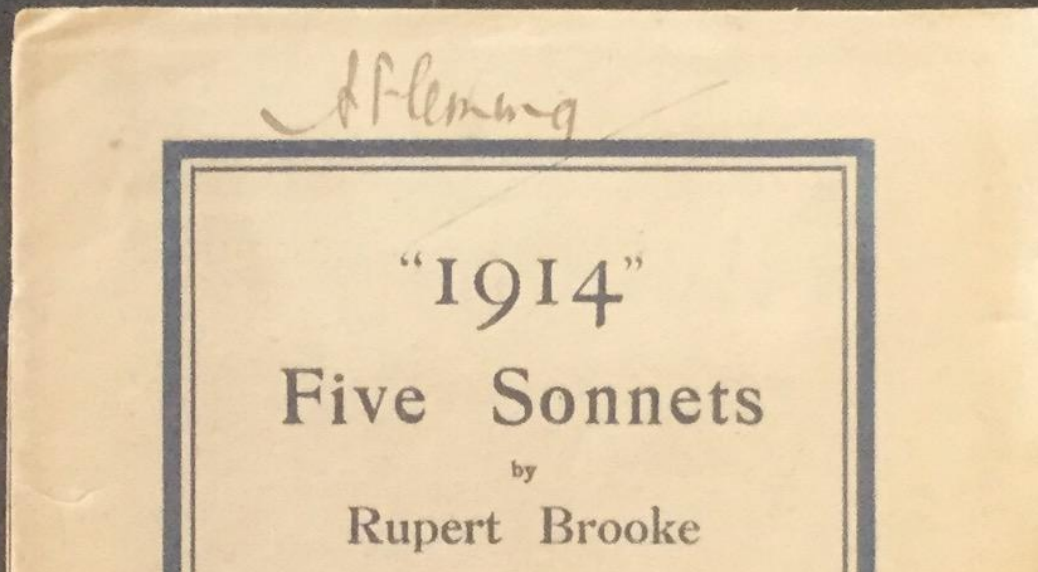
# World War I

Brooke immediately volunteered for service in the war and **joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve.**

Reserve saw no military action during its entire stay in Belgium.

He produced his **best-known poetry**, the group of five war sonnets entitled "**Nineteen Fourteen**".





These sonnets express the **hopeful idealism and enthusiasm** with which Britain entered the war.

**“The war is a welcome relief (ПОМОЩЬ) to a generation for whom life had been empty and void of meaning”.**

**Comparing death to a shelter (убежище) that protects its refugees (беженцы) from the horrors of life**

# The soldier

He imagines his own death, but rather than expressing sadness or fear at such an event, he accepts it as an opportunity to make a noble sacrifice by dying for his country.

## The Soldier.

If I should die, think only this of me,  
That there's some corner of a foreign field  
That is for ever England. There shall be  
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed,  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think this heart, all evil shed away,  
~~think~~ ~~too~~ a pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given,  
Her sights & sounds; Dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, heart of friend; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

**A noble  
sacrifice**

- благородная  
жертва

**His most famous and most  
openly patriotic poem**



# Death

He died on **23 April 1915** of **blood poisoning**, because of the mosquito bite, while sailing with the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

His name would always be connected with the war sonnets, and with "**The Soldier**" in particular.



There are only three things in the world, one is to read poetry, another is to write poetry, and the best of all is to live poetry.

— *Rupert Brooke* —



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