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Caedmon's Hymn



Caedmon's Hymn is a remarkable piece of early _____ literature. Written between the 7th and 8th centuries, it is considered the oldest surviving _____ poem. Attributed to Caedmon, a humble _____ with no formal training in poetry, the hymn marks a significant moment in literary history. Legend tells us that Caedmon was an illiterate worker at the _____ Abbey, unable to contribute a song during a feast. After falling _____, he dreamt of a divine being asking him to sing. Miraculously, he composed a beautiful hymn praising _____, celebrating His creation of the world.

The significance of Caedmon's Hymn lies not just in its age but also in its _____. It was composed in Old English, making it a rare example of Anglo-Saxon _____. This piece contrasts sharply with the Latin-dominated writings of the time, representing a pivotal point in the development of the English _____. Its theme revolves around _____, a common motif in early medieval texts.

The hymn was preserved in several manuscripts, the most famous being in the _____ Ecclesiastica Gentis Anglorum, written by the Venerable _____. Bede's account not only immortalizes the hymn but also gives a fascinating insight into the _____ and beliefs of early Anglo-Saxon England. Caedmon's Hymn, therefore, stands not just as a work of art, but as a vital link to understanding the _____ of English literary tradition.

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