

**Old English Poetry  
(466-1066)  
Representative Poetry Online**

*Cædmon's Hymn*  
**Lesson 1**

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**READ**

**Parent**

**Read** *Cædmon's Hymn*, the poet notes and the poem commentary found here:

<http://eir.library.utoronto.ca/rpo/display/poet46.html>

**Student**

**Read** the selected poem out loud. **Just for fun:** Try to read it in the original language - Old English!

**DISCOVER**

**Enter** Caedmon's Hymn (c. 8th Century?) on your timeline or into your Book of Centuries.

**SHARE**

**Summarize** this poem either orally or in writing. Try to recall as many important details as possible.

**COPYWORK**

Write this poem in your Poetry Journal:

Now let me praise the keeper of Heaven's kingdom,

the might of the Creator, and his thought,  
the work of the Father of glory, how each of wonders  
the Eternal Lord established in the beginning.  
He first created for the sons of men  
Heaven as a roof, the holy Creator,  
then Middle-earth the keeper of mankind,  
the Eternal Lord, afterwards made,  
the earth for men, the Almighty Lord.

**EXAM QUESTIONS (student answers will vary)**

1. Tell as much as you can remember about Caedmon's Hymn.

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