

## **Critical analysis of the poem Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard by Thomas Gray''**

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Among the most famous and finest elegies in English Literatures 'Elegy written in a country churchyard' remains immortal. 'Elegy written in a Country Churchyard' was penned down by Thomas Gray and it is completed around Seven Years. the poem was contemplated upon the village of stokes pages after the death of gray's school friend 'Richard West' and hence the Gray. West is the obscure young person who died with his ambition unfulfilled.

Death the over reaching is the main theme in Elegy Written in a country Churchyard, is the inevitable fate of humanity regardless of wealth, power, and status. Once the poet visited a country Churchyard, where he saw the graves of the forefathers of the village seeing their graves, he was moved to sympathy for them and set to writing this poem in their honour. Thus the poem was inspired by the poet's visit to a country Churchyard, So the title is 'Elegy written in a Country Churchyard'.

Gray's elegy deals with the short and simple annals of the poor. In fact it gives a complete picture of the life and history of the poor people living in the villages. They worked hard on their fields all day. When it was evening they walked wearily home with their team of Oxen. When their children and wives saw

them coming, they cook food for them. But they are dead now and can no longer to enjoy homely joys. They can no longer to enjoy the sweet smell of the morning breeze and they can no longer to enjoy the swallows. The house fire no longer to burns for them. And their wives and children no longer to wait for them in the evening.

These people were strong study fellows. They could plough the hardest ground. Even the biggest tree fell to the strong stroke of their axes. Some of them were capable of ruling an empire, and some of them were great musicians. But because of their poverty, they did not get the opportunity to prove their work.

Some of these people were brave and fearless like Hampden. Some of them were well learned like Milton. And some of them were as heroic as Cromwell. But they did not get the opportunity to show their worth.

Those who ambitious to become famous shed a lot of blood to rise to power. Because these people had no such ambitions, they were saved from living a life of sinful pleasures. They lived away from the madding crowd of corrupt people. They lived a peaceful and contented life. These people are worthy of our respect.