Lord Byron

CHILDE HAROLD'S PILGRIMAGE

Read by Jamie Parker



Childe Harold's Pilgrimage is a fascinating portrait of 19th-century Europe, disillusioned and ravaged by the revolutionary and Napoleonic wars. The protagonist, whose breathtaking journey echoes Byron's own life story, plunges into the exciting unknown: the nature of humanity and the transformative effects of travel burst through the pages in four powerful cantos of Spenserian stanzas. Here is the poem that set Byron on his meteoric rise to fame in London society.



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	2	1-2	Canto the First	7:52	23	3-1	He who ascends to mountain-tops, shall find	8:11
	3	1-3	Come hither, hither, my little page	8:20	24	3-2	By Coblentz, on a rise of gentle ground	8:26
_	4	1-4	Behold the hall where chiefs were late convened!	7:31	25	3-3	Is it not better, then, to be alone	8:02
	5	1-5	Awake, ye sons of Spain! awake!	7:54	26	3-4	Clear, placid Leman! thy contrasted lake	8:46
	6	1-6	At every turn Morena's dusky height	7:27	27	3-5	Clarens! by heavenly feet thy paths are trod	5:19
_	7	1-7	But ne'er didst thou, fair mount	7:38	28	3-6	But let me quit man's works, again to read	5:52
	8	1-8	Foiled, bleeding, breathless, furious to the last	5:25	29	3-7	Canto the Fourth	7:25
	9	1-9	What exile from himself can flee?	6:05	30	3-8	In youth she was all glory, – a new Tyre	7:23
	0	1-10	Canto the Second	5:46	31	3-9	The moon is up, and yet it is not night	6:33
	1	1-11	Here let me sit upon this mossy stone	5:09	32	3-10	Peace to Torquato's injured shade!	7:48
	2	2-1	White is the glassy deck, without a stain	7:49	33	4-1	I leave to learned fingers, and wise hands	8:31
	3	2-2	Fair Florence found, in sooth with some amaze	7:31	34	4-2	The roar of waters! – from the headlong	8:00
_	4	2-3	Ambracia's gulf behold, where once was lost	7:02	35	4-3	O thou, whose chariot rolled on	7:16
_	5	2-4	Richly caparisoned, a ready row	7:58	36	4-4	Can tyrants but by tyrants conquered be	7:51
	6	2-5	Childe Harold at a little distance stood	7:23	37	4-5	Tully was not so eloquent as thou	7:11
_	7	2-6	Glanced many a light caique along the foam	5:19	38	4-6	Who loves, raves – 'tis youth's frenzy	8:09
	8	2-7	The flying Mede, his shaftless broken bow	5:23	39	4-7	But I have lived, and have not lived in vain	7:11
	9	2-8	Canto the Third	7:12	40	4-8	Full swells the deep pure fountain	8:10
=	.0	2-9	Where rose the mountains, there to him	6:14	41	4-9	But where is he, the pilgrim of my song	7:29
2	!1	2-10	Ah! then and there was hurrying to and fro,	5:56	42	4-10	Oh! that the Desert were my dwelling-place	6:02

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