

**Poem- AFTER THE STORM**  
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Explanation

This poem is the first two stanzas of a much longer poem by William Wordsworth called Resolution and Independence. These lines describe a calm morning after a stormy night.

The first two lines paint the scene of a dark and stormy night with heavy wind and rain. But the rest of the poem presents a contrasting picture of a new day breaking in the glow of the morning sun. The storm of the night has passed and the morning is peaceful. And there are expressions of joy with the relief the change in the weather brings. Birds fill the air with their joyous songs.

The dove coos softly while the jay and the magpie make such a noise that they seem to be talking loudly to each other. The gurgle of flowing water adds to the sound of the birds. It seems as if all of Nature has come out to enjoy the morning sun. The sky seems happy at the birth of a new day and the grass is glistening with sunlight on raindrops. The best expression of joy is from a hare that runs about so fast on watery land that her feet splash fine drops of water that looks as if a shimmering ball of mist is chasing her.

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