

On the Tomb of Yeats
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Yeats wanted his last poem, *Under Ben Bulbin*, first in his next publication from the grave, but he died in France in '39 and had to wait nine years for the body's delivery to the press at Drumcliff Churchyard for the final printing. To Yeats, "all that followed *Ben Bulbin* would therefore be spoken from the grave."

R. F. Foster. *W. B. Yeats: A Life*. Oxford, 2003.

Yeats
 When Butler
 Yeats his
 lesson learned
 he sank
 Into the
 cider churn.
 Will
 he spin
 out? That's
 the matter
 even old
 men hope
 and dream,
 the cider
 hard the
 old bald
 pate inebriates
 guests but It
 cold the was
 plate. written
 Matter poured once in stone
 conforms to cup "horseman
 its circles now pass, cast
 gestic ulate, a cold eye
 there is on death,
 unwept one none come
 lesson learned again."
 though all
 the *monde*
 Eire turn.