Thomas Moore (Poetic Almanac)

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Thomas Moore 1779-1852

He was born in Dublin in a catholic family of a poor merchant.

From his early childhood he was interested in arts. He recited poems well, played some musical instruments, acted in home plays.



He began to write very early. His first plays were published when he was 14. At the age of 16 he became a student of Dublin University.

1799

Thomas Moore has got his Bachelor Degree in Arts and went to London where he spent most of his life.

Moore's poetry

* joined politics and music of Irish folk songs

- * greatly influenced by «Lyrical Ballads» of W.Wordsworth and S.Coleridge two English romantic poets
- * reflected deep love to the native land and boundless faith in its freedom

First translatoins of Moore's poems

were made in 1821by V.Zhukovsky and N.Bestuzhev

Other famous Russian translators of his poems:

- * A.Pleshcheev * I.Bunin
 - * K. Balmont
 - * V. Brusov
- * K. Chukovsky

AND M. Y. LERMONTOV («Hebrew Melodies», «The Bard's Song» and other poems)

«Vecherny Zvon» by Ivan Kozlov

is the translation of the melody «Those Evening Bells» of Thomas Moore, the famous Irish poet.

Those Evening Bells (Air. - The Bells of St.Petersburgh)

Those evening bells! Those evening bells!
How many a tale their music tells,
Of youth and home and that sweet time
When last I heard their soothing chime.

Вечерний звон, вечерний звон!
Как много дум наводит он
О юных днях в краю родном,
Где я любил, где отчий дом,
И как я, с ним навек простясь,
Там слушал звон в последний раз!