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CHAPTER 4 - HOME THEY BROUGHT HER WARRIOR DEAD
ALFRED LORD TENNYSON

NOTES

THE POET

Alfred Lord Tennyson is a famous poet of the 19TH century. The publication of his poem 'In Memorium' (1850) made him one of Britain's most popular poets and was selected as **POET LAUREATE** in succession to William Wordsworth and remained so during much of Queen Victoria's reign. Many of his poems deal with strong emotions like sorrow, pain, courage and religious devotion. He remains one of the most popular and renowned poets of all time.

SUBSTANCE

The poet, in the poem, talks about a woman whose dead warrior had been brought home. The tragedy shocked and overwhelmed her so deeply that she neither cried nor fainted. The maidens around her felt that she should grieve properly or she might perish. The pain and grief she refused to let out would eventually destroy her inner equilibrium. So, in an attempt, they praised her husband as most lovable, truest friend and noblest foe. However, she remained unmoved. Then a young maiden went up to the dead warrior and uncovered the face to show the widow the face of her husband hoping that she would cry out. Still, no tears seen in the eyes of the woman. Finally, an old nurse brought her child and placed it upon her knee; then she burst forth in uncontrollable tears like a 'summer tempest'.