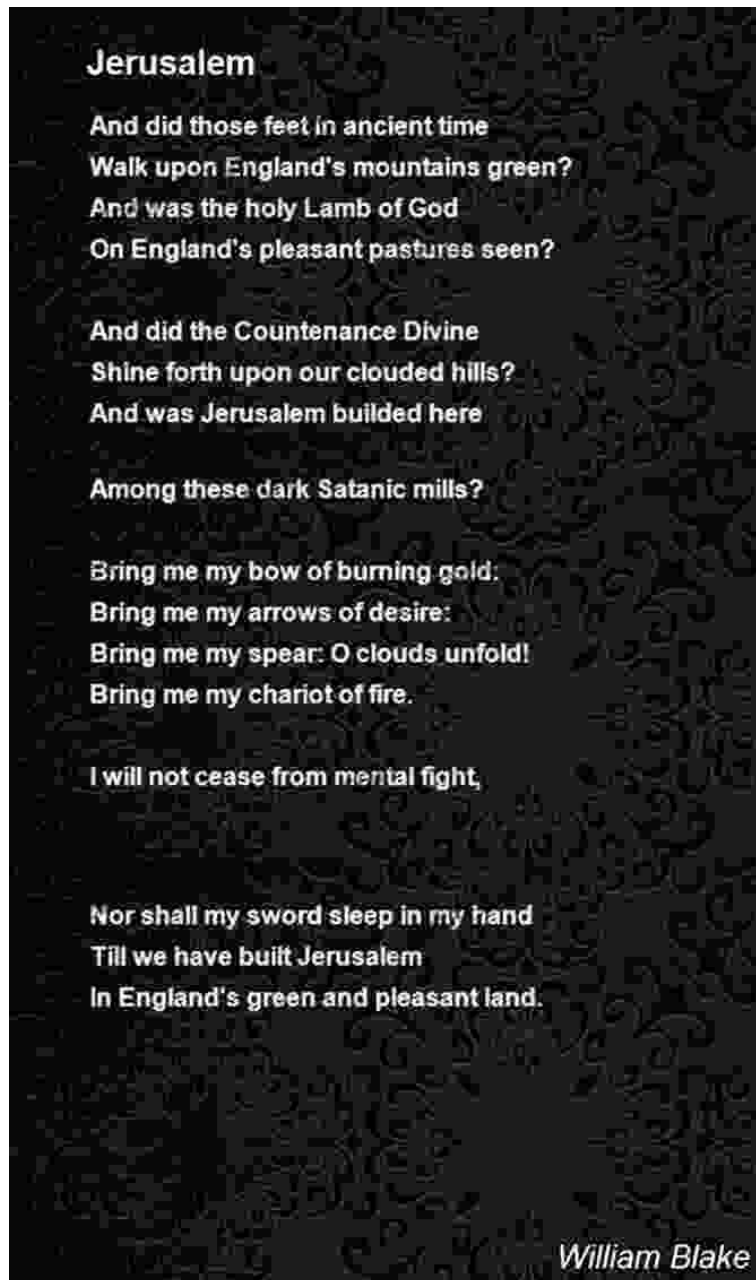


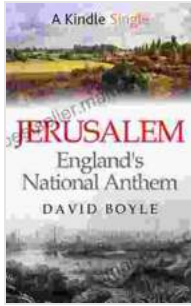
# Jerusalem: The Story of England's National Anthem and Its Composer

## The Birth of a Visionary Hymn



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In the heart of 1804, the visionary poet and artist William Blake penned a profound hymn that would resonate through the centuries. Inspired by his biblical interpretations and deep love for England, Blake created "Jerusalem," a stirring ode that encapsulated the country's essence and aspirations.

With its opening stanza, "And did those feet in ancient time, / Walk upon England's mountains green?," Blake conjured an ethereal image of a divine presence gracing the English landscape. The poem's subsequent verses traced the history of England from its mythical origins to its contemporary struggles, envisioning a future of peace and glory.

## **Hubert Parry's Musical Adaptation**



Over a century later, in 1916, renowned English composer Hubert Parry stumbled upon Blake's poem. Parry, known for his choral masterpieces and patriotic fervor, was deeply moved by its poetic beauty and nationalistic sentiments. Inspired, he set the words to music, creating a stirring choral anthem that captured the essence of Blake's vision.

Parry's adaptation preserved the poem's original structure and imagery, enhancing its emotional impact with soaring melodies and rich harmonies. The anthem's opening lines, "And did those feet in ancient time, / Walk upon England's mountains green?," became an iconic refrain, instantly recognizable to generations of English people.

### **David Boyle: Spearheading the National Anthem Movement**



The adoption of "Jerusalem" as England's national anthem was not without its challenges. In the early 20th century, the country lacked an official

anthem, with different patriotic songs vying for popular favor.

It was David Boyle, an organist and choirmaster at Westminster Abbey, who spearheaded the movement to establish "Jerusalem" as the preeminent national anthem. Boyle, a passionate advocate for English music and culture, recognized the unique power of Parry's adaptation.

Through his tireless efforts and influence within musical circles, Boyle gradually convinced both the public and the authorities of "Jerusalem's" worthiness. In 1926, the anthem was officially adopted as a secondary national anthem, alongside "God Save the Queen."

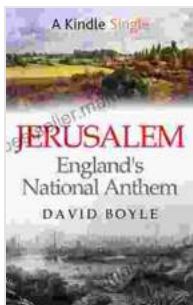
### **A Timeless Symbol of Englishness**

Over the years, "Jerusalem" has become an integral part of English identity and national pride. It is performed at official ceremonies, sporting events, and other occasions of national significance. Its stirring lyrics and emotive music have inspired generations of English people, evoking a sense of unity, patriotism, and love for their country.

Beyond its official status, "Jerusalem" has also found a place in the hearts and minds of ordinary English citizens. Its themes of hope, aspiration, and the enduring spirit of England continue to resonate with people from all walks of life.

The journey of "Jerusalem" from a visionary poem to England's national anthem is a testament to the transformative power of music and the enduring legacy of those who create it. William Blake's poetic masterpiece, Hubert Parry's musical adaptation, and David Boyle's tireless advocacy

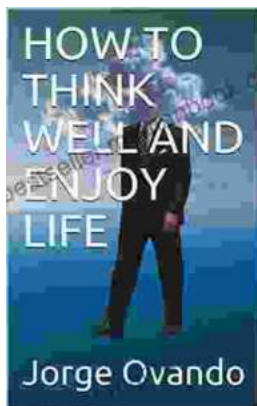
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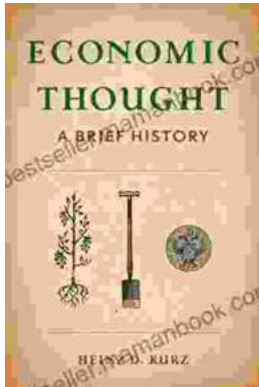
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