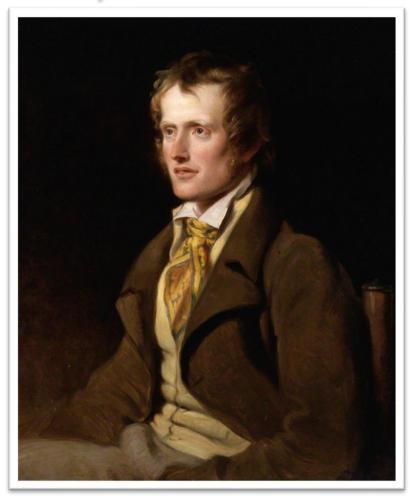
"I Am" by John Clare

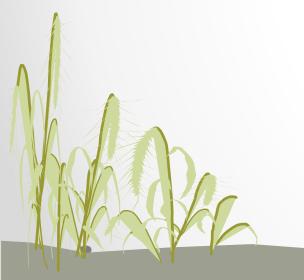






"I Am"

- The enigmatic lyric "I Am" describes the dissolution of subjectivity so frequently invoked by Romantic-era authors.
- It is possible to understand "I Am" within the context of Clare's long struggle with mental illness, but it's also useful to read it as one of many Romantic texts exploring the instability of the self.





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