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I Did Not Die



Do not stand at my grave and weep,

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sun on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.



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I am the soft star-shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there: I did not die.

Reference

The "definitive version," as published by The Times and The Sunday Times in Frye's obituary, 5 November 2004:[2]

Mary Elizabeth Frye (November 13, 1905 - September 15, 2004) was a Baltimore housewife and florist, best known as the author of the poem Do not stand at my grave and weep, written in 1932.[1]

She was orphaned at the age of three.

The identity of the author of the poem was unknown until the late 1990s, when Frye revealed that she had written it. Her claim was later proven by Abigail Van Buren.

Her poem was also used in one of the Norwegian protocols to express condolences after the 2011 Norway attacks

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