

Wilfred Owen

At the beginning he was fond of war and took part in it as a volunteer. Then, when he saw its horror, he was shocked and realised the absurdity of it.

He was born in 1893 and was killed in action on 4th November, one week before the armistice.

In his poems he describes the reality of war, not its glorification. The poet must convey the horror of war. And to reach this aim, he has to use a new language. In fact, even if Owen is considered one of the Georgians, he feels the necessity of a new poetry. With an unconventional language which sees the use of words taken from the world of the war, he can represent the physical and psychological suffering of the soldiers in trenches. This aspect is evident in "Dulce et Decorum Est" (1917).

He is also a technical innovator because

His stanzas are made up of a different number of verses. He uses half-rhymes and pure-rhymes.