

A critical Appreciation of On His Blindness -
On His Blindness, composed by a blind poet, John Milton, is an autobiographical sonnet in which the erudite poet expresses his pathetic feelings and sentiments. In the beginning of the sonnet, the poet thinks that he will not be able to serve the Almighty God as his eye sight is gone for ever.

When the poem develops further, he believes that God wants him to continue working despite this very calamity, it is a bitter truth to mention here that the poet's hard job of composing poetry made him lose his sight. He has served humanity for a long time. The loss of his sight has made his other half - like dark, dreary, dull, wide and challenging.

The poet further says that his poetic talent is futile now because he can't write without eyesight. It is just a burden from God endowed with the poet. He severely laments over the loss of his eyesight and is amazed that his ~~characteristic~~ ^{unique} and marvellous talent is quite useless now. Even after his blindness, Milton got the highest position as a poet. He didn't know at the time that his greatest works should be written while he was blind.

Milton's devotion to God has increased now. He explains that his talents are still hidden even though his soul is more bent to serve God and present his account



through his writings, he hopes that he must do all he can for God, lest he returning chide. So that if God returns, he will not chide Milton for ~~to~~ not using the gifts that God has given him. The poet quotes,

'Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?
I fondly ask,

the blind poet wants to know if when he is not able to dispense with his work incessantly, due to his blindness, will God still require work of him? Milton has used the personification of patience, it appears, as a calming force to prevent that murmur in which the speaker's internal question, and the rest of the sound is that response. Patience compared God to a king, saying that ~~his~~ His (God's) state is kingly with thousand at His bidding. They move quickly over land and ocean. The poem ends with the answer to the speaker's question, that those who are unable to rest over land and ocean, like John Milton, also serve God best.

the poet concludes,
'they also serve Him best,
who only stand and wait'

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