

Wednesday 29th April 2020



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Yesterday, we heard chapters 13-16.

In chapter 15, Mina quotes a famous poet called **William Blake**. The poem is *The Schoolboy*.

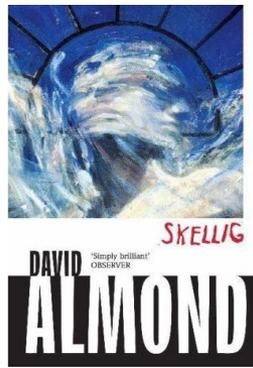
This is the first of many references to Blake in *Skellig*.

LO: William Blake



- William Blake was a **poet** and a **painter** who was born in London in 1757.
- He is an important figure of the **Romantic age**.
- **Romantic artists** were excited by emotions and tried to reflect the awe and wonder of the natural world.
- Blake once saw **angels** in a tree in a London park. He used to have lots of **visions** like that.
- Later in *Skellig*, David Almond shares another Blake poem called *The Angel*.
- He was a very **religious** man and he felt that the amazing things he saw in the world came from God.

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Your task today is to read *The Schoolboy* and answer the questions on the sheet.

Your extension is to read *The Angel* and answer the questions on the sheet.

You can also read more about Blake on the Tate Modern website <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-william-blake>

Once you have completed your work, listen to **chapters 17-20**.