

Grammar and Style

ADD EMPHASIS

Wordsworth is known for his use of **repetition** and **exclamation points** to emphasize particular thoughts and emotions.

EXAMPLE

How oft, in spirit have I turned to thee, / O sylvan Wye! thou wanderer
through the woods, / How often has my spirit turned to thee!

Directions: Write your own sentences about a topic, imitating Wordsworth's use of repetition and exclamation points to create emphasis.

1. Dear Child! dear Girl! that walkest with me here, / If thou appear untouched by solemn
thought, / Thy nature is not therefore less divine
from "It Is a Beauteous Evening"

2. My heart leaps up when I behold / A rainbow in the sky: / So was it when my life
began;/So is it now I am a man; / So be it when I shall grow old, / Or let me die!
from "My Heart Leaps Up"

3. Then sing, ye Birds, sing, sing a joyous sound! / And let the young Lambs bound /
As to the tabor's sound!
from "Intimations of Immortality"

4. So pure the sky, so quiet was the air! / So like, so very like, was day to day!
from "Elegiac Stanzas"

5. Alone she cuts and binds the grain, / And sings a melancholy strain; / O listen! for the
Vale profound / Is overflowing with the sound.
from "The Solitary Reaper"
