

### **Основной этап конкурса POESIS-2024**

*Siegfried Loraine Sassoon* (8 September 1886 – 1 September 1967) was an English war poet (one of the 'Trench Poets'), writer, and soldier.

#### **Absolution**

The anguish of the earth absolves our eyes  
Till beauty shines in all that we can see.  
War is our scourge; yet war has made us wise,  
And, fighting for our freedom, we are free.

Horror of wounds and anger at the foe,  
And loss of things desired; all these must pass.  
We are the happy legion, for we know  
Time's but a golden wind that shakes the grass.

There was an hour when we were loth to part  
From life we longed to share no less than others.  
Now, having claimed this heritage of heart,  
What need we more, my comrades and my brothers?

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