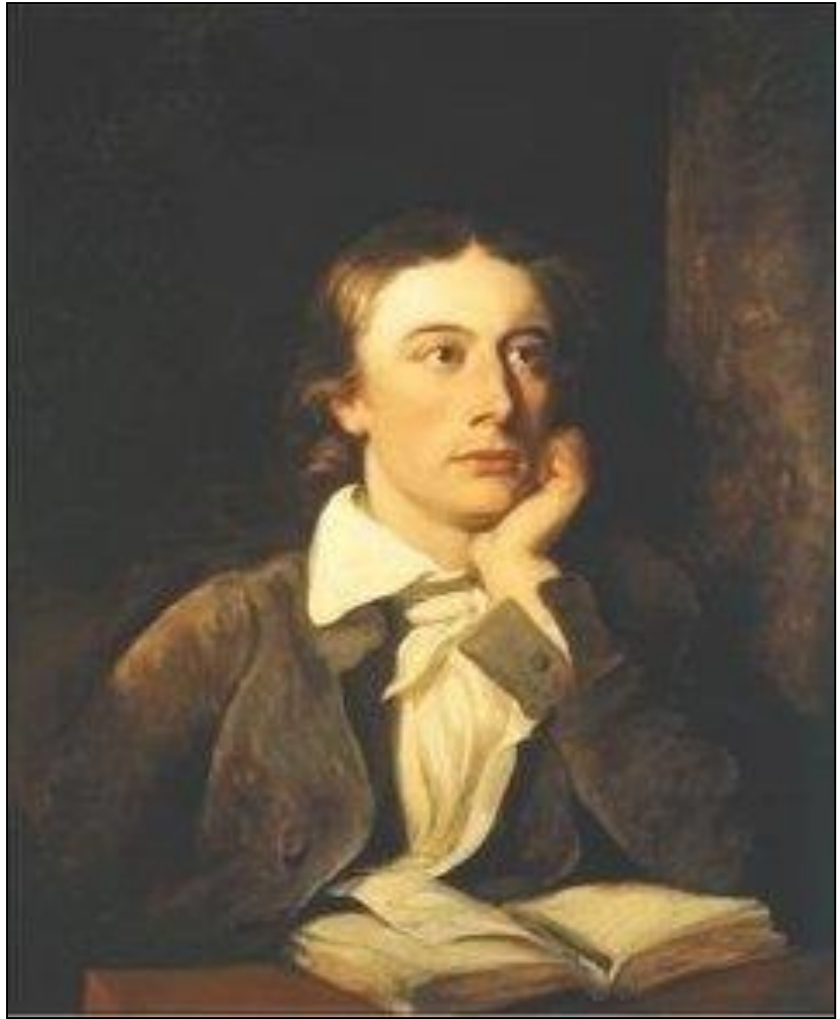


John Keats

1796-1821



A Hard-Knocks Life

- Keats was never a famous poet until after he died.
- He was not wealthy or fancily-educated like other Romantic poets.
- He lived in poverty most of his life.

An Orphan's Options

- Both of his parents died by the time he was 10.
- He could not pursue a literary life.
- Wanted to train to become a surgeon.
- He wrote poetry while in medical school.

From Bad to Worse

- He published a book of poems in 1817.
- He had to care completely for his brother who contracted tuberculosis.
- His brother died, which affected Keats profoundly.
- Keats then became ill with tuberculosis himself.
- He moved to Italy for his health, but he died in 1821 at the age of 25.

Bright Star

