

Poetry

Predominant Themes of Renaissance

1. Courtly Love Tradition:

1. The poets usually deal with the theme of love.
2. The lover of this kind of love is deserted and suffered from carelessness of his beloved.
3. The lover belittles himself and begs his beloved to come back.
4. The other related themes to this topic are: humility, infidelity of the mistress and idealization.

2. The Theme of Time:

Time in Renaissance undergoes a twofold treatment:

- A. Carpediem: the poet focuses on the idea that time is passing and man needs to make use of it, it deals with time as the source of pleasure.
- B. The other treatment is more positive, that time should be used for getting experience in life, and it deals with time for the sake of teaching and instruction.

3. The Idea of Sleep:

- A. Sleep is compared to death.
- B. Renaissance is charged with ideas of sleep, dream and death to show that the period is full of troubles.

4. Mortality versus immortality

- A. It focuses on the fact that human being is mortal.
- B. It is related to ideas of transitoriness of things.