

**Poems inspired by
'The Hunchback In The Park' by Dylan Thomas**

*A solitary mister
Propped between trees and water*

Solitary Mister

It's dark and wet
beyond the rockery
the steps they built
curve gently down
to a jagged cutting
a hurdle of bramble
beyond which lies
hallowed ground.

He bends his bones
and racks his sinews
tears the skin
on the briary teeth
to reach a world
beyond all eyes
the dumb-deaf place
embrace of peace.

The muttering ghosts
know where he goes
they shake their limbs
of indignant rage
but cannot enter
his sacred hollow
soon their pitiless world
gently fades.

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