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**FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT
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SUBJECT : COMPULSORY ENGLISH**

Leisure

W. H. Davies

- ❑ Wiliam Henry Davies (1871 1940) was a Welsh poet and writer.
- ❑ At age 22, with a small inheritance, he left for New York, and spent the
- ❑ following six years working and begging his way across America.
- ❑ His experiences of a life spent as a tramp are documented in his two memoirs
- ❑ The Autobiography of a Super-Tramp and Young Emma.
- ❑ His outdoor life is reflected in his poetry as he dealt with themes such as human hardship,
- ❑ human conditions as reflected in Nature and his own tramping adventures and the characters he met.
- ❑ Davies is considered one of the most popular Georgian poets. By 1929 he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Wales owing to his popularity and literary reputation.
- ❑ Ten years later, his home town of Newport unveiled a plaque in his honour

LEISURE

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this is if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

WRITTEN BY
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