

And Loud the Watchman Blew His Trump and Cried, "They Come! They Come!"

"And Loud the Watchman Blew His Trump and Cried, 'They Come! They Come!'" is a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow that was first published in his 1863 collection, *Tales of a Wayside Inn*. The poem tells the story of a group of people who are gathered at an inn on a stormy night. As they sit by the fire, they hear the sound of a trumpet in the distance. The watchman on the tower cries out, "They come! They come!" The people at the inn are terrified, and they wonder what is coming.

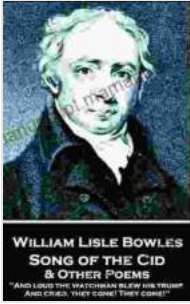
The poem is a metaphor for the coming of the American Civil War. The people at the inn are like the people of the United States, who were divided over the issue of slavery. The trumpet call is like the outbreak of war, and the people are terrified of what the future holds.

The poem is also a commentary on the role of the watchman. The watchman is the one who sees the danger approaching, and he is the one who warns the people. However, the people do not always listen to the watchman, and they often ignore his warnings. This is what happened in the United States before the Civil War. The people did not want to believe that war was coming, and they ignored the warnings of those who saw the danger.

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The poem is a powerful reminder of the importance of listening to the watchmen in our lives. The watchmen are the ones who see the dangers that we cannot see, and they are the ones who warn us of what is to come. We should listen to the watchmen, and we should heed their warnings.

The poem explores a number of themes, including:

- **The coming of war**
- **The role of the watchman**
- **The importance of listening to warnings**
- **The fear of the unknown**

The poem uses a number of symbols to represent its themes. These symbols include:

- **The trumpet** represents the outbreak of war.
- **The watchman** represents the person who sees the danger approaching.

- **The people at the inn** represent the people of the United States, who were divided over the issue of slavery.
- **The storm** represents the chaos and destruction of war.

The poem uses a number of vivid images to create a sense of atmosphere and suspense. These images include:

- **The stormy night**
- **The fire in the hearth**
- **The sound of the trumpet**
- **The terrified people at the inn**

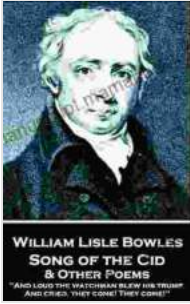
The poem uses a number of figurative language devices, including:

- **Metaphor**
- **Simile**
- **Personification**

"And Loud the Watchman Blew His Trump and Cried, 'They Come! They Come!'" is a powerful and moving poem that explores the themes of war, fear, and the importance of listening to warnings. The poem is a reminder that we should always be prepared for the unexpected, and that we should always listen to the watchmen in our lives.

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