

Moscow in the Plague Year: Poems

The year is 1771, and the plague has arrived in Moscow.



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The city is in chaos. The streets are filled with the dead and dying. The air is heavy with the smell of death. People are afraid to leave their homes, and the city is on the verge of collapse.

In the midst of this chaos, a group of poets emerges, determined to document the horrors of the plague and to offer hope to the people of Moscow. Their poems are a powerful and moving testament to the human spirit in the face of adversity.

One of the most famous of these poets is Gavriila Derzhavin.

Derzhavin's poem "Moscow in the Plague Year" is a powerful and moving account of the horrors of the plague. He describes the city as a "city of the dead," and he paints a vivid picture of the suffering and death that is all around him.

But even in the midst of this darkness, Derzhavin finds hope. He believes that the people of Moscow will overcome this terrible plague. He writes:

"O Moscow, Moscow! Thou shalt not perish,

Though plagues and fires may sweep thee o'er,

Thy spirit still shall live and flourish,

And thou shalt rise again more fair than before."

Derzhavin's poem is a powerful reminder of the human spirit's ability to overcome adversity. It is a poem that offers hope and inspiration to all who read it.

Another famous poet who wrote about the plague in Moscow is Ivan Dmitriev.

Dmitriev's poem "The Plague in Moscow" is a more personal account of the plague. He describes the death of his own family members, and he expresses his own grief and despair.

But even in his grief, Dmitriev finds hope. He believes that the plague is a test of faith, and he believes that the people of Moscow will emerge from this trial stronger than ever before.

Dmitriev's poem is a powerful reminder of the importance of faith in the face of adversity. It is a poem that offers hope and inspiration to all who read it.

The poems of Gavril Derzhavin and Ivan Dmitriev are just two examples of the many powerful and moving poems that were written about the plague in Moscow. These poems are a testament to the human spirit's ability to overcome adversity, and they offer hope and inspiration to all who read them.

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