

Classic Poetry Series

**Marceline Desbordes-
Valmore
- poems -**

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Marceline Desbordes-Valmore(20 June 1786 – 23 July 1859)

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore was a French poet.

She was born in Douai. Following the French Revolution, her family emigrated to Guadeloupe. In 1817 she married her second husband, the actor Prosper Lanchantin-Valmore.

She published *Élégies et Romances*, her first poetic work, in 1819. Her melancholy, elegiacal poems are admired for their grace and profound emotion.

Marceline appeared as an actress and singer in Douai, Rouen, the Opéra-Comique in Paris, and the Théâtre de la Monnaie in Brussels, where she notably played Rosine in Beaumarchais's *Le Barbier de Séville*. She retired from the stage in 1823. She later became friends with the novelist Honoré de Balzac, and he once wrote that she was an inspiration for the title character of *La Cousine Bette*.

Her poetry is also known for taking on dark and depressing themes, which reflects her troubled life. She is the only female writer included in the famous *Les poètes maudits* anthology published by Paul Verlaine in 1884. A volume of her poetry was among the books in Friedrich Nietzsche's library.

She died in Paris.

A L'Amour

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

A Ma Soeur Cécile

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

A Rouen, Rue Ancrière

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Allez En Paix

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Ame Et Jeunesse

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Amour, Divin Rôdeur

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Apart (Les Séparés)

Do not write. I am sad, and want my light put out.
Summers in your absence are as dark as a room.
I have closed my arms again. They must do without.
To knock at my heart is like knocking at a tomb.

Do not write!

Do not write. Let us learn to die, as best we may.
Did I love you? Ask God. Ask yourself. Do you know?
To hear that you love me, when you are far away,
Is like hearing from heaven and never to go.

Do not write!

Do not write. I fear you. I fear to remember,
For memory holds the voice I have often heard.
To the one who cannot drink, do not show water,
The beloved one's picture in the handwritten word.

Do not write!

Do not write those gentle words that I dare not see,
It seems that your voice is spreading them on my heart,
Across your smile, on fire, they appear to me,
It seems that a kiss is printing them on my heart.

Do not write!

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Au Livre De Léopardi

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Aux Trois Aimés

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Avant Toi

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Aveu D'Une Femme

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Cigale

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Crois-Moi

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Croyance

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Dernière Entrevue

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Dors!

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Dors-Tu?

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Fierté, Pardonne-Moi!

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Fleur D'Enfance

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Hiver

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Inès

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

J'Avais Froid

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Je L'Ai Promis

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Je Ne Sais Plus, Je Ne Veux Plus

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Jeune Homme Irrité

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Jour D'Orient

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Couronne Effeillée

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Fidèle

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Fleur D'Eau

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Jeune Châtelaine

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Jeune Fille Et Le Ramier

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Lune Des Fleurs

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Maison De Ma Mère

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Mère Qui Pleure

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Ronce

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Rose Flamande

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Sincère

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

La Voix D'Un Ami

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Laisse-Nous Pleurer

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Âme Errante

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Ami D'Enfance

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Amour

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Attente

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Beau Jour

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Bouquet Sous La Croix

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Coucher D'Un Petit Garçon

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Dernier Rendez-Vous

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Grillon

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Luxembourg

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Nid Solitaire

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Papillon Malade

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Pardon

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Portrait

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Premier Amour

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Rendez-Vous

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Réveil

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Rossignol Aveugle

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Secret

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Soir

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Souvenir

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Le Ver Luisant

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Églantine

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Église D'Arona

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Enfant Au Miroir

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Entrevue Au Ruisseau

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Les Cloches Du Soir

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Les Cloches Et Les Larmes

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Les Deux Amitiés

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Les Éclairs

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Les Roses

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Les Roses De Saadi

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Les Séparés (N'Écris Pas...)

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Esclave Et L'Oiseau

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Espoir

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Horloge Arrêtée

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Impossible

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Imprudence

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Innocence

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Loin Du Monde

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

L'Oreiller D'Un Enfant

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Ma Chambre

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Malheur À Moi

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Ne Fuis Pas Encore

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Plus De Chants

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Point D'Adieu

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Pourquoi?

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Prière Pour Lui

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Quand Le Fil De Ma Vie...

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Qu'En Avez-Vous Fait?

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Refuge

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Regarde-Le

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Regret

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Renoncement

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Rêve D'Une Femme

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Sans L'Oublier

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

S'Il L'Avait Su

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Simple Histoire

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Soir D'Été

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Solitude

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Son Image

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Son Retour

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Toi Qui M'As Tout Repris...

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Toi!

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Tristesse

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Trop Tard

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Tu N'Auras Pas Semé...

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Un Arc De Triomphe

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Un Billet De Femme

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Un Cri

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Un Moment

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Une Lettre De Femme

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Une Ruelle De Flandre

Marceline Desbordes-Valmore

Veillée

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