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**Petrus Borel**  
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## Petrus Borel(1809-1859)

Petrus Borel (26 June 1809 – 14 July 1859) was a French writer of the Romantic movement.

Born Joseph-Pierre Borel dHauterive at Lyon, the 12 of 14 children of an ironmonger, he studied architecture in Paris but abandoned it for literature. Nicknamed le Lycanthrope ("wolfman"), and the center of the circle of Bohemians in Paris, he was noted for extravagant and eccentric writing, foreshadowing Surrealism. He was not commercially successful though, and eventually was found a minor civil service post by his friends, including Théophile Gautier.

He died at Mostaganem in Algeria.

He was the subject of a biography by Enid Starkie, *Petrus Borel: The Lycanthrope* (1954).

# Hymne Au Soleil

Là dans ce sentier creux, promenoir solitaire  
De mon clandestin mal,  
Je viens tout souffreteux, et je me couche à terre  
Comme un brute animal.  
Je viens couvrir ma faim, la tête sur la pierre,  
Appeler le sommeil.  
Pour étancher un peu ma brûlante paupière;  
Je viens user mon écot de soleil!

Là-bas dans la cité, l'avarice sordide  
Des chefs sur tout champart:  
Au mouton-peuple on vend le soleil et le vide;  
J'ai payé, j'ai ma part!  
Mais sur tous, tous égaux devant toi, soleil juste,  
Tu verses tes rayons,  
Qui ne sont pas plus doux au front d'un Sire auguste,  
Qu'au sale front d'une gueuse en haillons.

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# L'Incendie Du Bazar

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