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*The mystery
which binds me still*

Edgar Allan Poe
Alone

No one had seen Poe - the man who made music with word rhythms - for several days. No one even knew where to look for him.

On the fourth day of his disappearance, in October of 1849, someone found the disheveled poet in Baltimore. Wearing clothes that weren't his, he was ill, incoherent and unable to explain where he'd been.

To this day, no one knows.

On *that* day, no one knew the pen of Edgar Allan Poe had already been silenced - for evermore.

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Questions 2 Ponder

What Makes Edgar Allan Poe Still Relevant?

Edgar Allan Poe wrote poetry which is like music with word rhythms. He died, from very mysterious causes, and wrote about topics which still fascinate us.

How could it be that Poe went missing for so many days, and no one even knew where to search for him?

Given the description of his appearance, when he finally resurfaced, what do you think may have happened to him?

What makes Edgar Allan Poe so popular today? Is it his works—and how he constructed his poetry—or his topics which fascinate people?

Do you think Poe's poetry, which is like music with word rhythms, could be considered a forerunner of today's rap? Why, or why not.



Raven - Focus of Poe's Famous Poem

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The raven, depicted in this image, has the following Scientific Classification:

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Aves

Order: Passeriformes

Family: Corvidae

Genus: *Corvus coronoides*

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