



Themes of 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'

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The speaker strongly desires for peace. He wishes to be alone at Innisfree apart from the noisy streets in cities filled with people.

**Peace and
Calmness**

**Nature Vs.
Civilization**

The poet experiences freedom when he is in the woods. The civilization constricts him and takes away freedom and peace from him. Those very elements which matter most to him.



Being close to the nature brings about a soothing change in a person. It calms him down and he is able to connect with his inner self or spiritual self which provides him clarity of thought.

**Nature and
Spirituality**

**Solitude and
Longing for
Escape**

The narrator also wants to spend time alone probably to reconnect with himself through connection with nature. The poet has plans for future and memories of the past as if the poet wants to break away from the present.



Through his memories or 'imagined trip' to the beautiful place, the poet visits the place in his imagination and momentarily gets a sense of comfort in his real life.

**Imagination
and Reality**