When day is done and shadows fall / I think of you.

The Day Is Done published in 1844, is an evocative, melancholy poem. When Longfellow wrote "The Day is Done," he was a pretty young guy, in his late 30s, but he was already famous for writing simple, heartfelt poems. So while he's introducing other people's poems, he's also using "The Day is Done" to describe and defend his own poetic style. What is The Day is Done About and Why Should I Care? It's not a real huge secret that a lot of people don't have much time for poetry. Maybe you've felt like that reading poems was boring or just something you had to do for English class. In that case, Longfellow has a messa...Â Books. The Waif Here's a scanned version of the anthology in which "The Day is Done" first appeared. It's worth a look through to see how this poem looked in the original. Websites.