

## Ode

“Ode” comes from the Greek *aeidein*, meaning to sing or chant, and belongs to the long and varied tradition of lyric poetry. Originally accompanied by music and dance, and later reserved by the Romantic poets to convey their strongest sentiments, the ode can be generalized as a formal address to an event, a person, or a thing not present. An ode is usually marked by exaltation of feeling and style, varying length of line, and complexity of stanza forms.

In simpler terms, an ode is a praise, or exaltation, of someone or something.