**Wales.**

Wales /ˈweɪlz/ is a country that is part of the United Kingdom and the island of Great Britain, bordered by England to its east and the Atlantic Ocean and Irish Sea to its west.

The capital and main commercial and financial centre is Cardiff.

The flag of Wales features a red dragon on two broad horizontal stripes

of white and green (top to bottom). The coat of arms of Wales is its royal sign. The royal sign of the principality consists of a board divided into four parts, two gold, two red with four lions.

The dragon has been a Welsh symbol for nearly 2,000 years.

Wales had a population in 2011 of 3,064,000, and has a total area of 20,779 km2 (8,023 sq mi).

Wales has over 1,200 km (750 mi) of coastline, and is largely mountainous,with its highest peaks in the north and central areas, including Snowdon, its highest summit.

The country lies within the north temperate zone, and has a changeable, maritime climate.

The history of Wales begins with the arrival of human beings in the region thousands of years ago.

Wales has three national parks: Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons and Pembrokeshire Coast.

It has five Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Wales is known for its surreal castles and if one is fond of getting lost in the mysterious middle ages of fortresses and turrets, you are at the right place.

**Wales.**

Long, long, long and long ago

the deepest river, the deeper it would flow

as the children would play by the river bank

the smell, a stench that was terribly rank.

The horse and cart passed by, they did

the blue bottle flies were blown to be rid

the horse and cart passed by with the coal

on the miners set out to accomplish their goal

Deep in the valley and deep in the scene

the sight of lush long grass how beautifully green

that lovely sweet smell, that brings back old memories

of you as a child running off to pick blackberries.

There is only one way to really explain

how much I truly miss that trickling rain

as I am stuck out here with only hot sand grain

I cannot help but wish I was writing this poem on a little welsh train.