

Poetry again

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Because I can't find my copy of Dr Island, I can pass my time with this instead.

For what it's worth, the quoted poem appears to be "Enoch Arden", by Al Tennyson.

There was a silent movie made of the story in 1915 starring Alfred Paget as Enoch Arden. "Seaman Enoch Arden returns home after a long absence marooned on a desert island. At home he finds his wife married to another, and though he loves her, he cannot bear to disrupt her current happiness." That would be the island that Hopkins mentioned in the letter. Hmm, *island*.

Tennyson published "Enoch Arden" in 1864.

Richard Strauss based a melodrama on this poem, and Glenn Gould once performed Strauss's work on the radio.

I will refrain from quoting a (barely) naughty limerick on the subject, but you can find it here: <http://www.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~ad/LimericksDir/P.html>

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