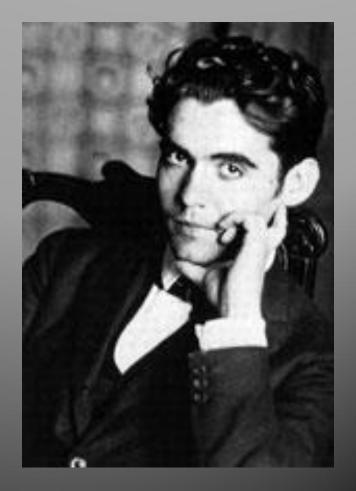
Federico Garcia Lorca A MINI-BIOGRAPHY

Federico Garcia Lorca--Life

- Born: 1898 in Grenada, Spain
- Spain's most highly revered poet and playwright
- Murdered by a Nationalist firing squad at the beginning of the Spanish Civil War
- Died: 1936



Federico Garcia Lorca—Selected Works

Books

- The Gypsy Ballads of Garcia Lorca
- Poet in New York
- Poems
 - "Ballad of the Water of the Sea"
 - "Ballad of One Doomed to Die"
- Plays
 - Blood Wedding
 - Yerma

Gacela of the Dark Death By Federico Garcia Lorca

I want to sleep the dream of the apples To withdraw from the tumult of cemeteries I want to sleep the dream of that child Who wanted to cut his heart on the high seas I don't want to hear again that the dead do not lose their blood

That the putrid mouth goes on asking for water I don't want to learn of the tortures of the grass Nor of the moon with the serpent's mouth that labors before dawn

I want to sleep a while A while, a minute, a century But all must know that I have not died That there is a stable of gold in my lips That I am the small friend of the west wind That I am the immense shadow of my tears Cover me at dawn with a veil Because dawn will throw fists full of ants at me

And wet with hard water my shoes So that the pincers of the scorpion slide For I want to sleep the dream of the apples To learn a lament that will cleanse me of the earth

For I want to live with that dark child Who wanted to cut his heart on the high seas Never let me lose the marvel of your statue-like eyes, or the accent the solitary rose of your breath places on my cheek at night.

I am afraid of being, on this shore, a branchless trunk, and what I most regret is having no flower, pulp, or clay for the worm of my despair.

If you are my hidden treasure, if you are my cross, my dampened pain, if I am a dog, and you alone my master,

never let me lose what I have gained, and adorn the branches of your river with leaves of my estranged Autumn.

"Sonnet of the Sweet Complaint "

Federico Garcia Lorca