

Adam Mickiewicz

**The Storm
(Burza)**

Sails have been torn, and our helm is broken,
The ship by roaring waves is downward tossed;
People shout in terror, from their mid-sleep woken,
The sun sets blood-red, and all hope is lost.

The wind is throwing waters up and down
And over this up-surgings, frothing steep
Genius of Death triumphant enters on the ship
Like a soldier who tramples a defeated town.

Some people lie unfeeling, others only moan,
Still others say their prayers to drive death away,
Or wring their hands, or bid their friends farewell;

One passenger was sitting in silence alone
And thought: Happy are those whose powers fail,
Have someone dear to part with, or are able to pray.

Translated by Agnieszka Kreczmar

Announcements and Notes

Useful websites

1. Government sites

<www.rcl.gov.pl>—Rządowe Centrum Legislacji—contains *Dziennik Ustaw* and *Monitor Polski*, the two serials that publish new bills passed by the Sejm and other Polish legislation.

2. NGO sites (Organizacje Pożytku Publicznego)

<<http://fbc.pionier.net.pl/owoc/main>>

Many hard-to-get books can be found there. As of last count, it contained 339,000 books and pamphlets. It is divided into two parts:

<<http://www.cbdu.id.uw.edu.pl>>—Digital Library of Polish and Poland-Related News Pamphlets from the 16th to the 18th Century. It starts with mostly German pamphlets; in mid-sixteenth century there appear more Polish items. Numerosity record was achieved in 1683 (Sobieski's victory at Vienna). You will need to download software necessary to open these documents.
and

<<http://bbc.mbp.org.pl/dlibra>>, or Bialska Digital Library—a tremendous collection of little known books. There is material there for a dozen dissertations in history and historical sociology.

<<http://www.nfa.alfadent.pl/news>>—Niezależne Forum Akademickie. University-oriented news. Contains links to academic rankings of world universities and to Polish Ministry of Education.

<www.opi.org.pl>—Information about individual scholars in Poland. Alas, rather skimpy, with only occasional listings of emails and addresses.

3. A beginner's guide to Thomistic philosophy

by Professor (and President of the Catholic University of Lublin) Mieczysław Krąpiec:

http://ptta.pl/krapiec/index.php?id=wyklady_ofilozofii

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<www.lrc.uwm.edu/tour/>

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