

The woman of water

Adrian Mitchell worked first as a journalist before later becoming a novelist, poet and playwright. He wrote several plays for children, based on famous stories such as *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis and the *Tales of Beatrix Potter*.

There once was a woman of water
Refused a Wizard her hand.
So he took the tears of a statue
And the weight from a grain of sand
5 And he squeezed the sap from a comet
And the height from a cypress tree
And he drained the dark from midnight
And he charmed the brains from a bee
And he soured the mixture with thunder
10 And stirred it with ice from hell
And the woman of water drank it down
And she changed into a well.

There was once a woman of water
Who changed into a well
15 And the well smiled up at the Wizard
And down down that old Wizard fell ...



Adrian Mitchell (1932–2008)