



Devotions upon Emergent Occasions	<p>Devotions upon Emergent Occasions By John Donne (1572-1631)</p> <p><i>Devotions upon Emergent Occasions</i> is a 1624 prose work by the English writer John Donne. It is a series of reflections that were written as Donne recovered from a serious illness, believed to be either typhus or relapsing fever. (Donne does not clearly identify the disease in his text.) The work consists of twenty-three parts describing each stage of the sickness. Each part is further divided into a Meditation, an Expostulation, and a Prayer.</p> <p>The seventeenth meditation is perhaps the best-known part of the work. It contains the following passage:</p> <p>"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." (Summary by Wikipedia)</p> <p>Read by Fr. Richard Zeile of Detroit, Andrew Coleman, David Barnes, Alana Jordan, Justin Brett, Kevin Lavin, Philippa, David Lawrence, & Tricia G. Total running time: 05:59:21.</p> <p>This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit librivox.org. Cover image by <i>Albrecht Dürer (d. 1528)</i>. Copyright expired in US, Canada, EU, and all countries with author's life +70 yrs laws. Cover design by Janette Brown. This design is in the public domain.</p>	Devotions upon Emergent Occasions
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