

melancholy

noun: a feeling of thoughtful sadness

noun: a constitutional tendency to be gloomy and depressed

noun: a humor that was once believed to be secreted by the kidneys or spleen and to cause sadness and **melancholy**

adjective: characterized by or causing or expressing sadness ("Growing more **melancholy** every hour")

Hughes

If we strike any [major threefold chord](#), and directly afterwards its [relative minor](#), we may notice how they respond to the [twofold natures](#) within us of [joy](#) and **melancholy**. [[Harmonies of Tones and Colours, Reflections on the Scheme2](#), page 44]

"[Joy](#) and **melancholy**, [virtue](#) and [vice](#), are as much the consequences of [natural law](#) as the falling of a stone or the [growth](#) of a flower."—C. Watts. [[Harmonies of Tones and Colours, Reflections on the Scheme2](#), page 44]

"All things are touched with **melancholy**,

Born of the secret [soul](#)'s mistrust

To feel her fair ethereal wings

Weighed down with vile degraded dust.

There is no [music](#) in the [life](#)

That sounds with idiot laughter solely;

There's not a [string](#) attuned to mirth,

But has its [chord](#) in **melancholy**."

[Thomas Hood](#). [[Harmonies of Tones and Colours, Reflections on the Scheme3](#), page 45]