

# What Has Happened To Lulu

By Charles Causley

*When interpreting and analysing a poem, we need to first know the poet's background so that we are better able to relate it to what he or she may be trying to convey.*



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## About the Poet

Charles Causley was born on 24 August 1917 in Launceston, Cornwall, England and he spent most of his life there. He showed early literary interests and talent, reading widely in his teens and writing plays for local production and publication. His first play, *Runaway*, was published when he was only nineteen. He began publishing verses in the 1950s from which he extended his works to writing plays, short stories and opera librettos.

After serving in the navy in the second world war, he took advantage of the opportunities to train as a teacher at Peterborough Training College. On qualifying, he returned to teach in the Primary School in his native Launceston and remained in post there until his early retirement.

In 1958 Causley was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and he was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 1967 and the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1986. He was presented with the Heywood Hill Literary Prize in 2000. Between 1962 and 1966 he was a member of the Poetry Panel of the Arts Council of Great Britain.

Charles Causley died in 2003. He is remembered as one of the UK's best loved poets, writing for children and adults.