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**Algernon Charles Swinburne** (1837-1909)

(Romantic/Victorian man of letters, major decadent poet, b. Isle of Wight, l. London, st. Balliol College, Oxford, associated to pre-Raphaelites; decadent sadomasochistic subjects, anti-Christian; writings denounced by critics as immoral; influenced by Victor Hugo and Baudelaire; eccentric aesthete, masochist, disabled by drink, unmarried, lost energy as writer, lived as invalid with Theodore Watts-Dunton 1879-)

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