

# SPARROW TREE SQUARE



The English Regency



“For what do we *live*, but  
to make *sport* for our  
*neighbours*, and *laugh* at  
them in our *turn* ? ”

– from *Pride and Prejudice* by  
Jane Austen (1775-1817), English novelist

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# Happy is England

*John Keats*

Happy is England! I could be content	1
To see no other verdure than its own;	2
To feel no other breezes than are blown	3
Through its tall woods with high romances blent:	4
Yet do I sometimes feel a languishment	5
For skies Italian, and an inward groan	6
To sit upon an Alp as on a throne,	7
And half forget what world or worldling meant.	8
Happy is England, sweet her artless daughters;	9
Enough their simple loveliness for me,	10
Enough their whitest arms in silence clinging:	11
Yet do I often warmly burn to see	12
Beauties of deeper glance, and hear their singing,	13
And float with them about the summer waters.	14

JOHN KEATS (1795—1821) was an English poet. He was one of the most prominent writers of Romantic poetry along with Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley, but sadly died of tuberculosis at age twenty-six.



*Malvern Hall* by John Constable