



The Kardomah Gang





Dylan Thomas



- Dylan Thomas was a poet.
- He wrote about his life, friends and about Wales.
- Some poems are serious, some are funny.
- He was born in 1914 and his first home was in Swansea, South Wales.

The Kardomah Gang

Dylan Thomas was a member of the Kardomah Gang.

The Kardomah Gang were a group of friends - artists, musicians, poets and writers who used to meet in the Kardomah Café in Castle Street, Swansea in the 1930s.

There they drank coffee and discussed all sorts of subjects including religion, death, Einstein and Picasso.





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When Swansea was heavily bombed in February 1941, Castle Street suffered badly and the Kardomah Café was destroyed.

Dylan Thomas wrote about the devastation in his radio play, 'Return Journey to Swansea' and describes the café as being '*Razed to the snow*'.



Castle street, looking North, after the Blitz

For more pictures of Swansea after the bombings click [here](#)



Kardomah Café

- Street, close to where the original cafe stood.
- The café still exists today.
- A scene from *Doctor Who* was filmed in the café in 2009 when David Tennant played the Doctor.



View the clip [here](#)

The End Of Time: Kardomah Cafe

Kardomah Gang Activity

- Which famous people would you invite to a café for a drink and a chat with you?
- Choose 5 people to invite. Think about why you would choose them.
- What would you talk about?

