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In the early autumn of 1804, the poet, William Wordsworth, and his sister, Dorothy, visited the 'Giant of Lorton' in that Cumberland village. The 'Giant' was a famous, ancient yew tree, later celebrated in the poem 'Yew-Trees'. The yew tree still survives, reduced in size, but made immortal by the poem. This book marks the bicentenary of the visit, giving the story of yew tree and poem, as told in the writings and images of yesterday and today.

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