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Coast Scene at Brighton

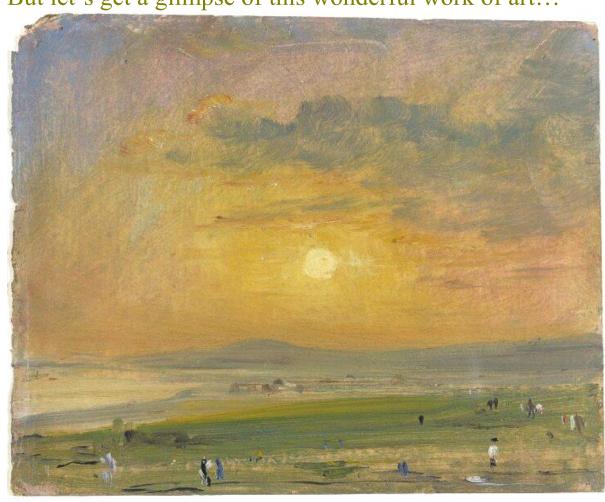
Coast Scene at Brighton is an oil painting made by John Constable, a passionate landscape painter, who always looked for beautifulness in the nature. John Constable was born on 11 June 1776 in the village of East Bergholt, England. As he grew up in a wealthy family, Constable was able to attend the Royal Academy school, where he studied visual arts and painting.





However, it was not until he reached the age of 45, that he started getting appreciative reviews from critics at the Royal Academy. Furthermore, Constable refused to travel abroad to promote his work, due to his endless love for his homeland. In 1816, he managed to marry Maria Bicknell, despite the opposition of her parents, as Constable came from an inferior social class. Later, he began to deliver public lectures on the history of landscape painting. His last lecture was given in 1835. Constable died on 31 March 1837, in London.

But let's get a glimpse of this wonderful work of art...



Coast Scene at Brighton was painted in 1827-28, when Constable was living in Brighton. The subject-matter of the landscape had been influenced by the scenery of that part of the country. The immediacy of the painting is so unique, that many say this work of art talks to the soul of the spectator.

This oil painting depicts the setting sun over Shoreham-by-sea, West of Brighton. Although Constable used various color combinations and pale colors, the sunset conveys us a sense of melancholy and sadness. Some people link it with his wife's declining health, who died six months later. So perfect is the harmony of colors in this work of art, that makes us feel calm and tranquil only by looking at it.

All in all, Coast Scene at Brighton is one of the most beautiful paintings of John Constable, as through the sun, the serenity of nature is presented in all its glory.



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