

(Richard Dadd, 'Come unto these Yellow Sands', 1842)

Image-Music-Text: Intermediality in Angela Carter's Fiction

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This Study Day is a follow-up to the 2020 international conference 'The World is Made of Words': Angela Carter Translator and Translated organised under the aegis of the Angela Carter Society, followed by the 2022 Study Day on Angela Carter Around the World: Translation and Reception, also at the University of Lausanne. The 2023 Study Day focuses on Angela Carter's intermedial experiments as a creative method, with a focus on music and visual art, a topic of growing interest in Carter studies. From her early poetry to American Ghosts and Old World Wonders, Carter centrally drew on her activities as a folk singer, painter, translator, adaptor, book lover and fairy-tale scholar to fashion her own prose. The aim is to shed new light on Carter's creative practice from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective that matches the writer's own working method. While Carter's visual imagination has often been praised by critics, her intimate knowledge of music also had an impact on her unique style (Paulusma 2022), while more hidden visual sources have come to light based on new archival material. Bringing together acclaimed and emerging Carter scholars, including the singer-scholar Polly Paulusma, this two-day conference will also give junior scholars an opportunity to present their work in progress.

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