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## MAHMUD DARWISH

He was born in Al-Birwa, British Mandate of Palestine, 1941. He was a Palestinian poet and author who was regarded as the Palestinian national poet.

Darwish left Israel in 1970 to study in the Soviet Union, then he moved to Egypt and Lebanon.

He joined the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) in 1973, he was banned from reentering Israel.



After Israeli forces assaulted his village of al-Birwa in June, 1948, the family fled to Lebanon

Over his lifetime, Darwish published more than 30 volumes of poetry and eight books of prose

His most popular books are:  
*Journal of an Ordinary Grief*  
*If I Were Another: Poems*  
*Mural*  
*Music of Human Flesh*

Many of Darwish's poems were made into songs: "Rita and the Rifle," "I lost a beautiful dream

In 2008 Darwish starred in a film narrating his poem "A Soldier Dreams of White Lilies"

He was a political activist.

He died in August 2008 (aged 66)  
in Houston, Texas, United States.