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James Tissot, 'Goodbye, on the Mersey': a Reading of the Transatlantic Journey

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Abstract

This article situates James Tissot's 1881 painting Goodbye, on the Mersey within his oeuvre and considers its contribution to late-nineteenth century depictions of the transatlantic exchange. The article argues that Goodbye, on the Mersey presents the transatlantic journey as a point of fracture between Old World and New as part of his broader artistic concern to portray the psychological fractures of modern (fin-de-siècle) life.

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