



Who Killed Cock Robin?

Date

1883

Primary Maker

Maria Dorothy Webb

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

95 × 64 cm

Description

Maria Dorothy Webb was born in Northern Ireland in 1840. She started exhibiting at the Royal Hibernian Academy in 1873 and won several prizes at the Amateur Artists' Society in 1877. She went to Paris in 1880 where she studied at the Académie Julian. Webb exhibited a large number of her Breton paintings, of fishermen and peasant women, of street, market and woodland scenes, at venues in Dublin, London and Liverpool and significantly at the

Paris Salon. The artist painted this picture in 1883 in Pont-Aven, Brittany where she made regular summer visits. Its title comes from a much loved children's nursery rhyme, of which the earliest record of the rhyme is in Tommy Thumb's Pretty Song Book, published in 1744.