

**Allan Ramsay** (1713-1784) was a Scottish portrait-painter. He was born in Edinburgh, the eldest son of poet and author Allan Ramsay. He studied in London and travelled to Italy where he worked for three years. He moved back to London where he was employed by the Duke of Bridgewater. His first marriage ended tragically with the death of his wife and none of their three children surviving childhood. He then eloped and journeyed back to Italy where he researched old masters. Ramsay gave up painting in 1770 to concentrate on literary pursuits. He died at Dover in 1784.

