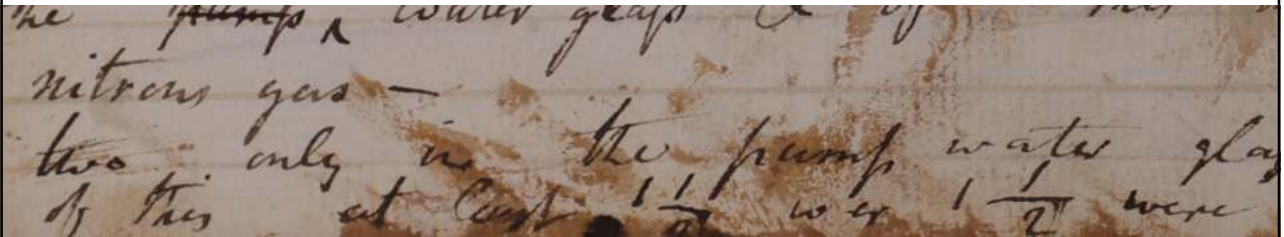


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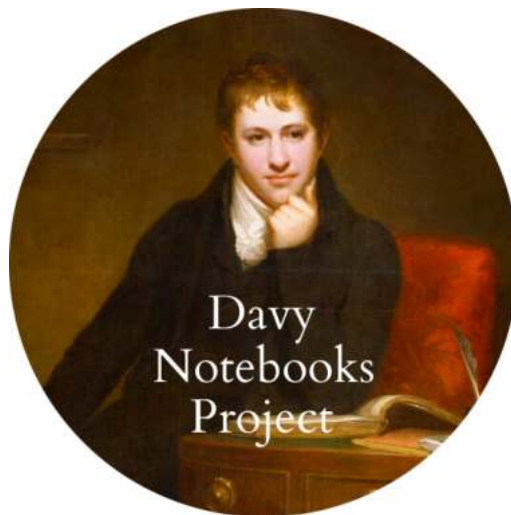
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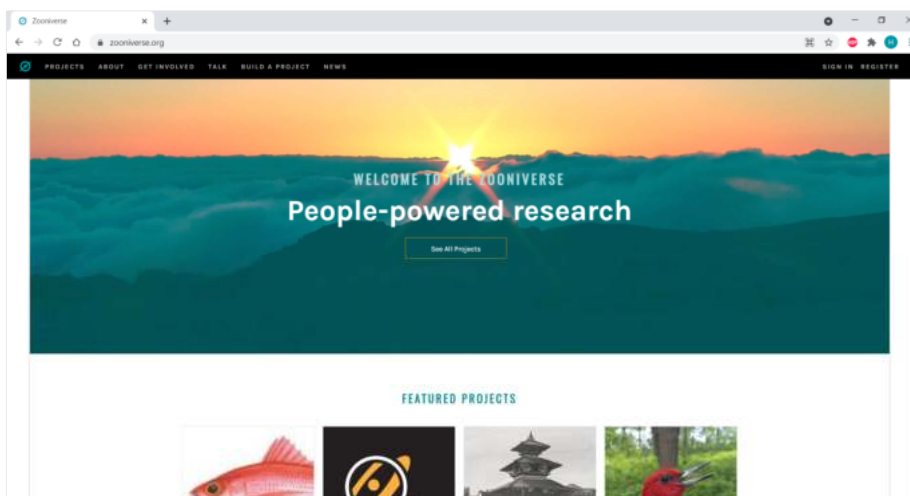
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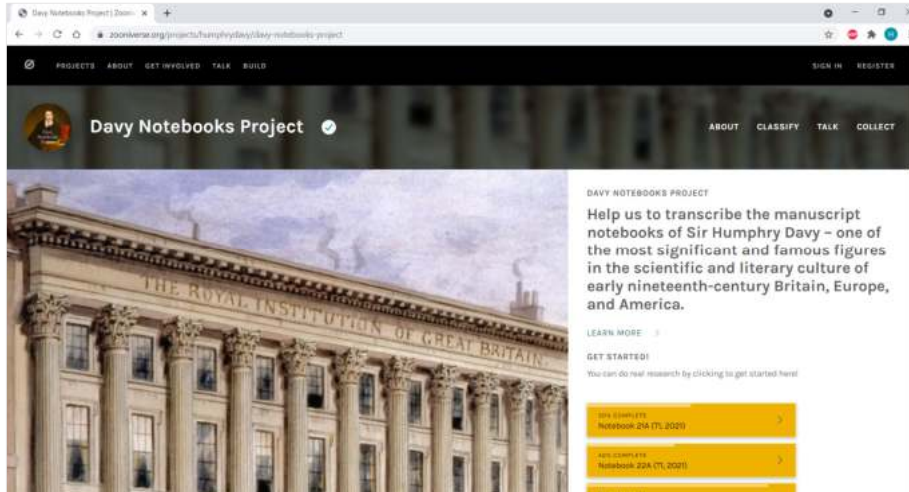
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Crowdsourcing



‘Smart companies in industries as disparate as pharmaceuticals and television discover ways to tap the latent talent of the crowd [...]

It’s not outsourcing; it’s crowdsourcing’.

– From *Wired*, 2006

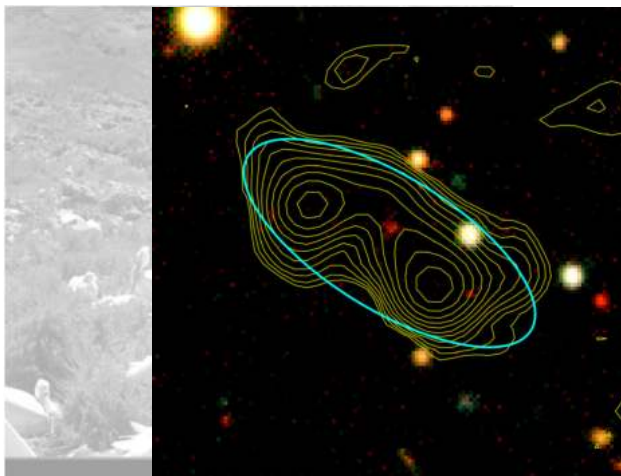
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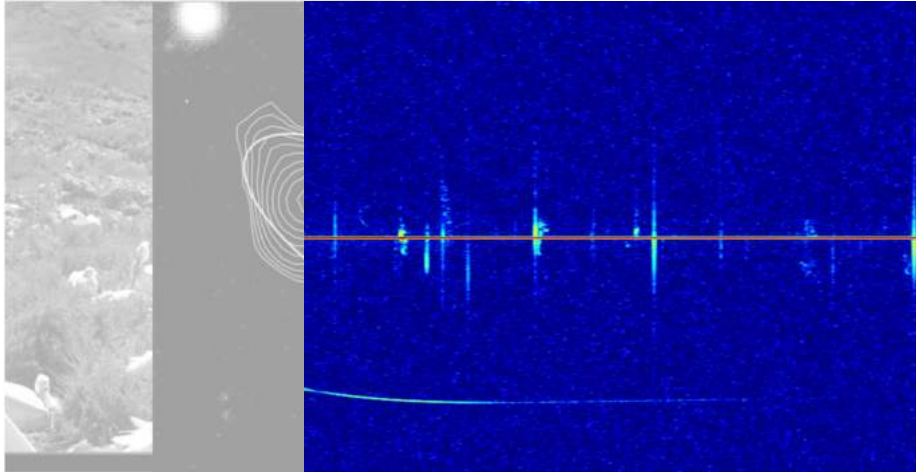
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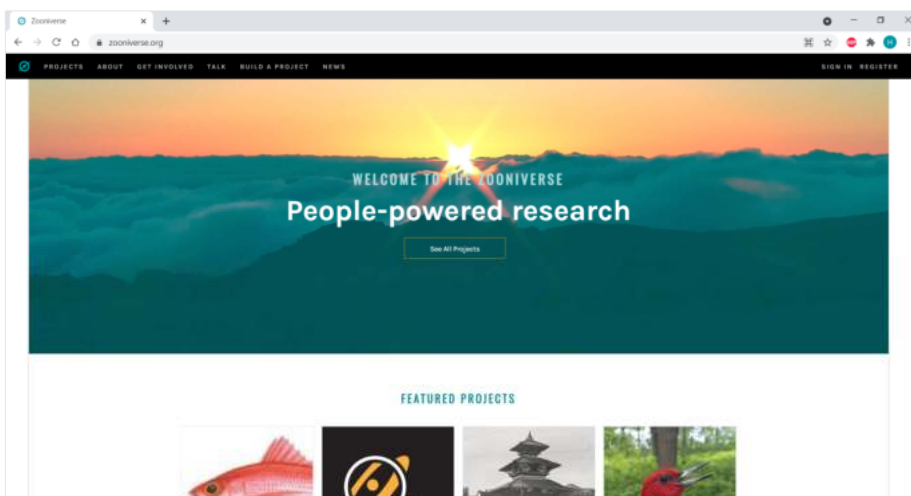
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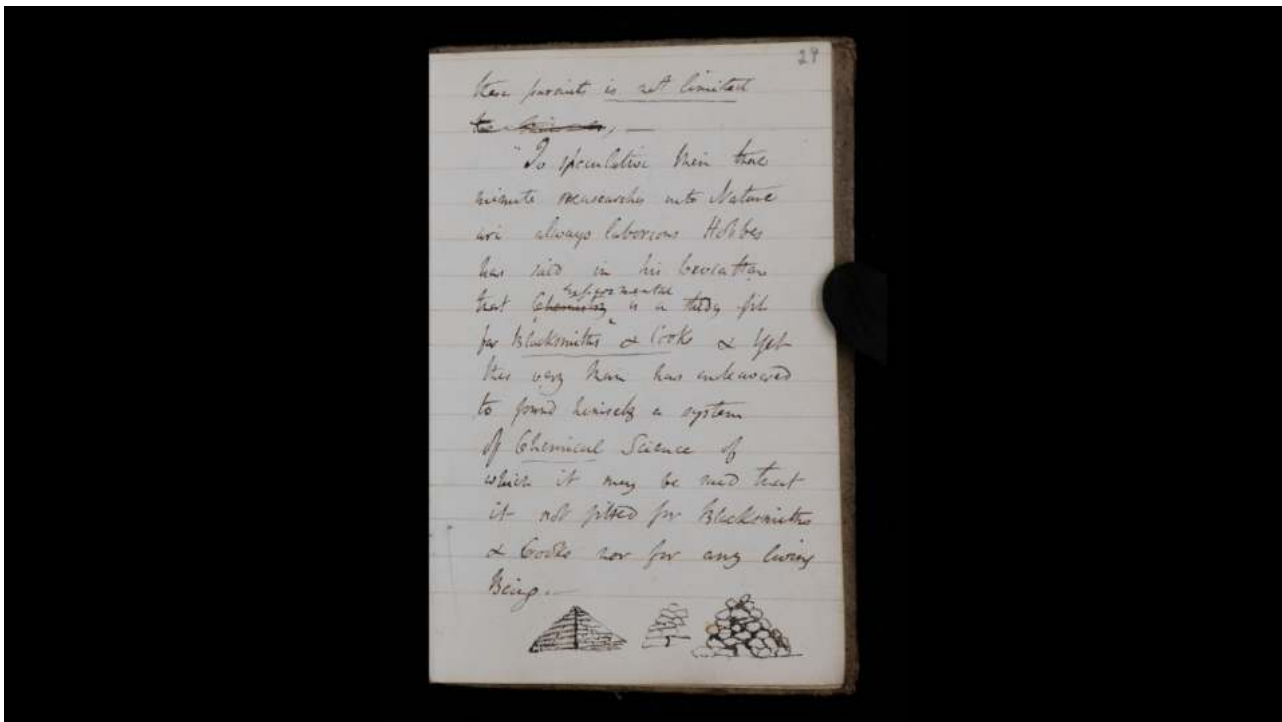


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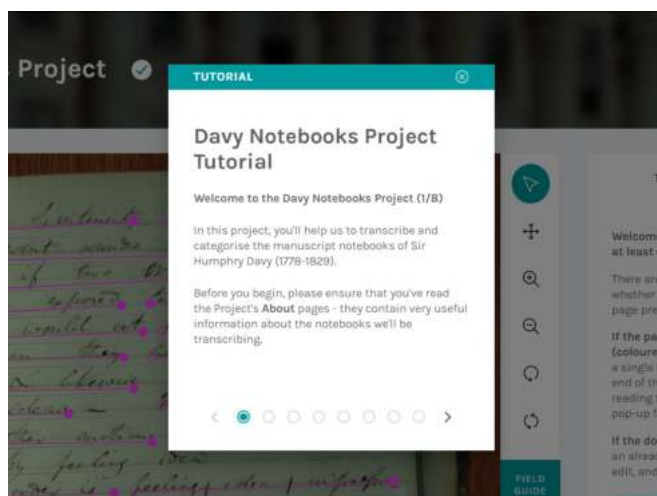


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Zooniverse: Tutorial



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Zooniverse: Transcription Task



Finished for the day?

Your answers are saved for the research team while you're working. See the project stats and return to the Davy Notebooks Project home page.

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Zooniverse: Transcription Task



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Zooniverse: Transcription Task



TASK
TUTORIAL

Q2. Secondly, did you see any sketches on the page, or did you encounter any text that's too difficult to transcribe (e.g., tables of figures, mathematical or chemical equations, or text featuring non-standard keyboard characters)? Click **Yes** or **No** then **Next**.

NEED SOME HELP WITH THIS TASK?

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Zooniverse: Transcription Task



TASK
TUTORIAL

Q3. Finally, how would you define the text that you've just transcribed? Select all that apply. Click **Done** to submit your work, or **Done & Talk** to submit your work and then discuss what you've just transcribed. When a new notebook page appears, we've safely received your previous work. Thank you for transcribing!

Agriculture

Astronomy

Chemistry

Electrochemistry

Geology

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Zooniverse: Talk



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Zooniverse: ALICE



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SS		414
place with greatest rapidity in darkness.		414
beneath the soil, [setting aside] independency of this		3118
circumference no vegetable can be so		414
proper for the seed as moistened earth)		3274
for it is extremely permeable to [underlined] [underlined]		414
(and as water is required by the		414
of [underlined] only in small quantities at	Edited	414
a time, the absorbent powers of the Earth		414
prevent it from being supplied to these		414
organs, except in a very slow and gradual		677
manner -		Edited
[intercepted rule]		414
The agents concerned in [underlined] [germination] [underlined]		414
are few, and the effects are simple / though	Edited	414
we are [delete] [insert] [delete] [insert] [insert] [insert] to trace w...	Edited	414
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Three Individual Transcriptions



Many seeds are enveloped in their natural 3/3

State by a considerable quantity of easily Edited

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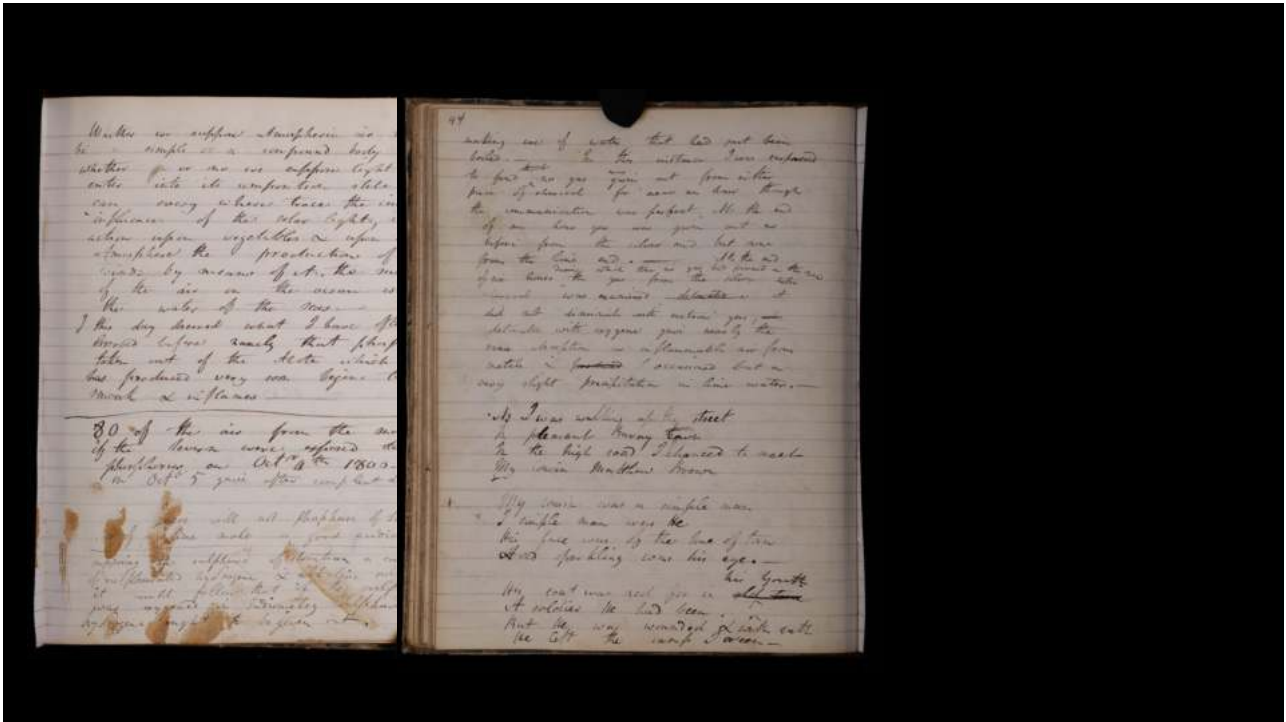
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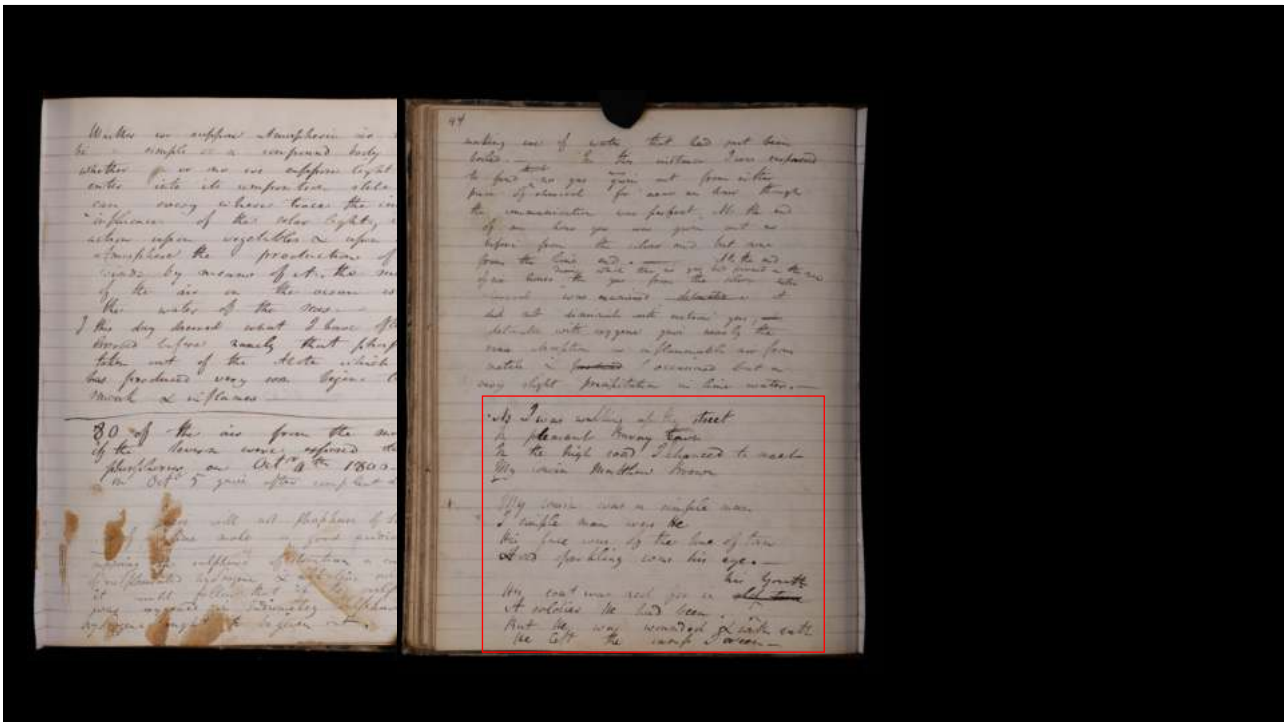
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 to put you up at from water
 you of course I am on how though
 the imagination is perfect. It is
 of you how you are you not in
 before from the idea not but one
 from the fact that you are the same as
 you have the you from the other side
 of the water... I do not
 do at present not water you
 believe with oxygen you really the
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 a pleasant young man
 to the high road I believed to meet
 My name Matthew Brown

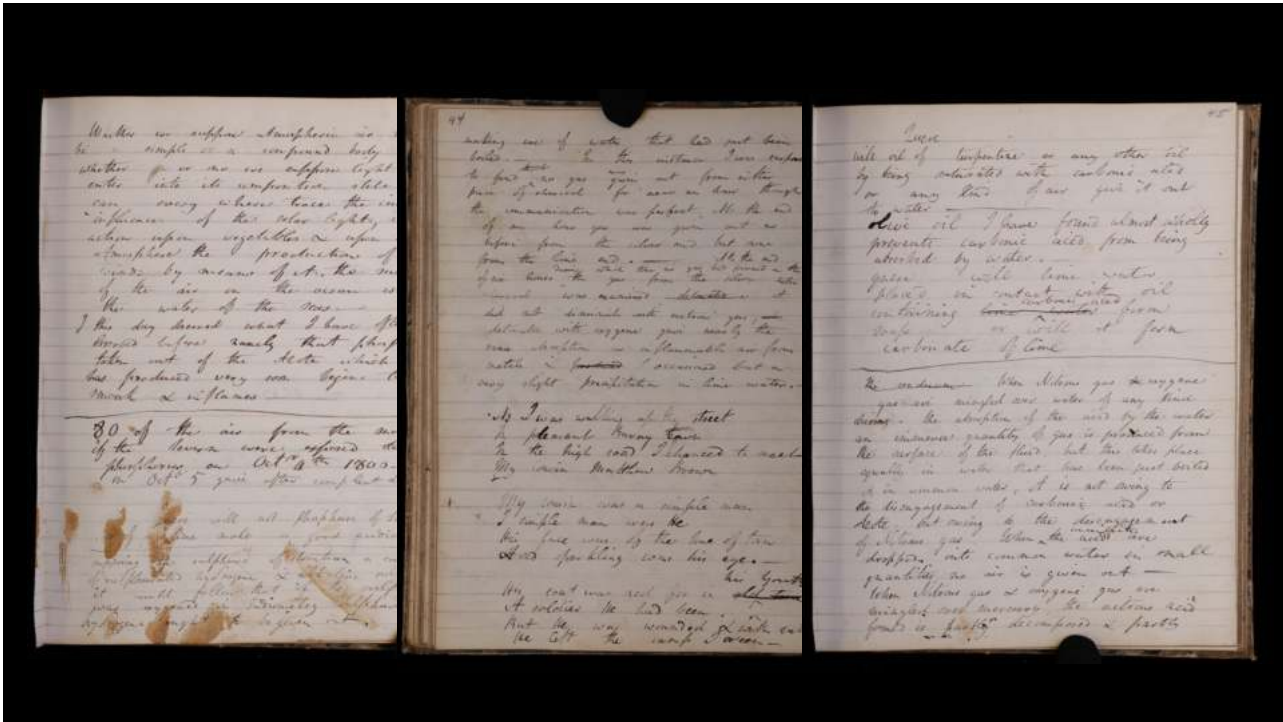
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 and sparkling were his eyes.

His coat was red for a
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Davy Notebooks Project



The screenshot shows the website for the Davy Notebooks Project. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'PROJECTS', 'ABOUT', 'GET INVOLVED', 'TALK', and 'BUILD'. Below this is a header section with the project name 'Davy Notebooks Project' and a sub-menu with 'ABOUT', 'CLASSIFY', 'TALK', and 'COLLECT'. The main content area features a large image of the Royal Institution of Great Britain building. To the right of the image, there is a text block that reads: 'DAVY NOTEBOOKS PROJECT Help us to transcribe the manuscript notebooks of Sir Humphry Davy - one of the most significant and famous figures in the scientific and literary culture of early nineteenth-century Britain, Europe, and America.' Below this text are two yellow buttons labeled 'GET STARTED!' with the text 'You can do real research by clicking to get started here!'. At the bottom, there are two more yellow buttons: 'THIS STARTED Notebook 204 (17, 2020)' and 'THIS COMPLETE Notebook 224 (17, 2020)'. The website is viewed through a browser window with the URL 'zooniverse.org/projects/sirhumphrydavy/davy-notebooks-project' visible in the address bar.

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