

Recording of the week: the waves of Freshwater Bay

This week's selection comes from Cheryl Tipp, Curator of Wildlife and Environmental Sounds.

The Isle of Wight is a small island situated in the English Channel whose coastline is peppered with small coves and secluded bays. One such bay can be found in Freshwater, a small village to the west of the island which became popular as a coastal resort in the 19th century. Well known Victorians such as the Poet Laureate [Alfred Lord Tennyson](#) and the photographer [Julia Margaret Cameron](#) both settled in Freshwater and may well have strolled along the promenade overlooking the bay, listening to the gentle roll of waves as heard in this contemporary recording from 2006.

[Waves at Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight recorded on 26 March 2006 by Richard Beard](#)



Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight (unknown artist after William Daniell). Yale Center for British Art, Paul Mellon Collection.

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