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An American Odyssey: A Biography of Lucy Bakewell Audubon

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AN AMERICAN ODYSSEY

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An American Odyssey: A Biography of Lucy Bakewell Audubon (**centered at top of page**)

By the late eighteenth century England was experiencing a significant economic transformation. Revolutionary changes were taking place in agriculture, commerce, and transport, all of which contributed to the industrial revolution (Deane, 1969).

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Audubon, L. (1903). *The life of John James Audubon, the naturalist*. New York, NY: Putnam.

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