Young Girl by a Window

Date
1911

Medium
Oil on canvas

Description
Girl in yellow dress sitting by a window with flowers Frank Benson often painted portraits of his children; this one features his daughter Eleanor. His painting shows how American impressionism traces its influence not only to French painters but also to traditions in Germany, Italy, Spain, and the Netherlands. For Benson, Dutch Masters like Jan Vermeer offered a model for his indoor scenes, while French paintings inspired his use of outdoor settings, bright light, and loose brushstrokes. Here, he fuses these seemingly opposing styles to portray Eleanor bathed in the light of an open window.

Dimensions
Frame: 30 × 25 in. (76.2 × 63.5 cm)