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Comment:

Because the purpose of copyright is to grant a limited monopoly to advance the arts, any work for whom the copyright holder cannot be found should logically be put in the public domain, because the enrichment of the copyright holder is the only rationale for that limited monopoly granted. If nobody is to be enriched so as to continue producing valuable material, there is no need to prohibit the unlimited public use of that work