

## OUR FRIEND AND POET TOM MOORE

You brought such harmony to heart and head  
Two civilizations met as equal,  
You set the tone for years when living and dead  
Gave to your haunting need for peace a sequel;

The fragile moments of a nation's history  
Were caught by you to furnish us with song,  
You faced the spirit wound of so much mystery  
To heal ourselves of the centuries' wrong,

Yet found a twin soul, a friend and brother  
One like you, outcast upon fate  
And learned to love each country like no other  
Made of Irish and English an unlikely mate:

We celebrate the rich gems of your ore  
Set in this culture, honouring Byron and Moore

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