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English Literature

Paper 2: Unseen Texts and Poetry Anthology

Friday 25 May 2018 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Paper Reference

4ET0/02R**You must have:**

Poetry Booklet – Section C of the Edexcel Anthology (enclosed)

Total Marks

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- You must answer **two** questions. Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Copies of the Edexcel Anthology for International GCSE and Certificate Qualifications in English Language and Literature may **not** be brought into the examination.
- Dictionaries may **not** be used in this examination.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2.

1 Read the following poem.

The Tom-cat*

At midnight in the alley
 A Tom-cat comes to wail,
 And he chants the hate of a million years
 As he swings his snaky tail.

Malevolent*, bony, brindled*,
 Tiger and devil and bard*,
 His eyes are coals from the middle of Hell
 And his heart is black and hard. 5

He twists and crouches and capers
 And bares his curved sharp claws,
 And he sings to the stars of the jungle nights,
 Ere* cities were, or laws. 10

Beast from a world primeval*,
 He and his leaping clan,
 When the blotched red moon leers over the roofs
 Give voice to their scorn of man. 15

He will lie on a rug to-morrow
 And lick his silky fur,
 And veil the brute in his yellow eyes
 And play he's tame, and purr. 20

But at midnight in the alley
 He will crouch again and wail,
 And beat the time for his demon's song
 With the swing of his demon's tail.

Don Marquis

*Tom-cat – a male cat

*Malevolent – evil

*brindled – multi-coloured

*bard – a story-teller, musician or poet

*Ere – before

*primeval – of the earliest time in history

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How does the poet convey his thoughts about the cat in this poem?

In your answer you should consider:

- the poet's descriptive skills
- the poet's choice of language
- the poet's use of structure and form.

Support your answer with examples from the poem.

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

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OR

2 Read the following extract from *A Street Cat Named Bob*.

The writer has been out for an evening and is just returning to his flat (apartment).

The strip lighting in the hallway was broken and part of the ground floor was swathed in darkness, but as we made our way to the stairwell* I couldn't help noticing a pair of glowing eyes in the gloom. When I heard a gentle, slightly plaintive* meowing I realised what it was.

Edging closer, in the half-light I could see a ginger cat curled up on a doormat outside one of the ground-floor flats in the corridor that led off the hallway. 5

I'd grown up with cats and had always had a bit of a soft spot for them. As I moved in and got a good look I could tell he was a tom, a male.

I hadn't seen him around the flats before, but even in the darkness I could tell there was something about him, I could already tell that he had something of a personality. He wasn't in the slightest bit nervous, in fact, completely the opposite. There was a quiet, unflappable confidence about him. He looked like he was very much at home here in the shadows and to judge by the way he was fixing me with a steady, curious, intelligent stare, I was the one who was straying into his territory. It was as if he was saying: 'So who are you and what brings you here?' 10 15

I couldn't resist kneeling down and introducing myself.

'Hello, mate. I've not seen you before, do you live here?' I said.

He just looked at me with the same studious, slightly aloof expression, as if he was still weighing me up.

I decided to stroke his neck, partly to make friends but partly to see if he was wearing a collar or any form of identification. It was hard to tell in the dark, but I realised there was nothing, which immediately suggested to me that he was a stray. London had more than its fair share of those. 20

He seemed to be enjoying the affection, and began brushing himself lightly against me. As I petted him a little more, I could feel that his coat was in poor condition, with uneven bald patches here and there. He was clearly in need of a good meal. From the way he was rubbing against me, he was also in need of a bit of TLC*. 25

James Bowen

**stairwell* – the open area by a staircase

**plaintive* – sad

**TLC* – short for tender, loving care



Explain how the writer presents the cat in this extract.

In your answer you should consider:

- the writer's descriptive skills
- the writer's choice of language
- the writer's use of structure and form.

Support your answer with examples from the extract.

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SECTION B

Answer EITHER Question 3 OR Question 4.

3 How are lessons in life conveyed in *Once Upon a Time* and *Poem at Thirty-Nine*?

Support your answer with examples from the poems.

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

4 Show how the poets present a feeling of sadness in *Piano* and **one other** poem from the Anthology.

Support your answer with examples from the poems.

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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If –

If you can keep your head when all about you
 Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
 If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
 But make allowance for their doubting too;
 If you can wait and not be tired by waiting, 5
 Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
 Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream – and not make dreams your master;
 If you can think – and not make thoughts your aim; 10
 If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
 And treat those two impostors just the same;
 If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
 Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
 Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken, 15
 And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
 And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
 And lose, and start again at your beginnings
 And never breathe a word about your loss; 20
 If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone,
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you
 Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue, 25
 Or walk with Kings – nor lose the common touch,
 If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
 If all men count with you, but none too much;
 If you can fill the unforgiving minute
 With sixty seconds' worth of distance run, 30
 Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
 And – which is more – you'll be a Man, my son!

Rudyard Kipling

Prayer Before Birth

I am not yet born; O hear me.

Let not the bloodsucking bat or the rat or the stoat or the
club-footed ghoul come near me.

I am not yet born, console me.

I fear that the human race may with tall walls wall me, 5
with strong drugs dope me, with wise lies lure me,
on black racks rack me, in blood-baths roll me.

I am not yet born; provide me

With water to dandle me, grass to grow for me, trees to talk
to me, sky to sing to me, birds and a white light 10
in the back of my mind to guide me.

I am not yet born; forgive me

For the sins that in me the world shall commit, my words
when they speak me, my thoughts when they think me,
my treason engendered by traitors beyond me, 15
my life when they murder by means of my
hands, my death when they live me.

I am not yet born; rehearse me

In the parts I must play and the cues I must take when
old men lecture me, bureaucrats hector me, mountains 20
frown at me, lovers laugh at me, the white
waves call me to folly and the desert calls
me to doom and the beggar refuses
my gift and my children curse me.

I am not yet born; O hear me, 25

Let not the man who is beast or who thinks he is God
come near me.

I am not yet born; O fill me

With strength against those who would freeze my
humanity, would dragoon me into a lethal automaton, 30
would make me a cog in a machine, a thing with
one face, a thing, and against all those
who would dissipate my entirety, would
blow me like thistledown hither and
thither or hither and thither 35
like water held in the
hands would spill me.

Let them not make me a stone and let them not spill me.
Otherwise kill me.

Louis MacNeice

Half-past Two

Once upon a schooltime
 He did Something Very Wrong
 (I forget what it was).

And She said he'd done
 Something Very Wrong, and must 5
 Stay in the school-room till half-past two.

(Being cross, she'd forgotten
 She hadn't taught him Time.
 He was too scared of being wicked to remind her.)

He knew a lot of time: he knew 10
 Gettinguptime, timeyouwereofftime,
 Timetogohomenowtime, TVtime,

Timeformykisstime (that was Grantime).
 All the important times he knew,
 But not half-past two. 15

He knew the clockface, the little eyes
 And two long legs for walking,
 But he couldn't click its language,

So he waited, beyond onceupona,
 Out of reach of all the timefors, 20
 And knew he'd escaped for ever

Into the smell of old chrysanthemums on Her desk,
 Into the silent noise his hangnail made,
 Into the air outside the window, into ever.

And then, *My goodness*, she said, 25
 Scuttling in, *I forgot all about you.*
Run along or you'll be late.

So she slotted him back into schooltime,
 And he got home in time for teatime,
 Nexttime, notimeforthatnowtime, 30

But he never forgot how once by not knowing time,
 He escaped into the clockless land of ever,
 Where time hides tick-less waiting to be born.

U. A. Fanthorpe

Piano

Softly, in the dusk, a woman is singing to me;
 Taking me back down the vista of years, till I see
 A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of the tingling
 strings
 And pressing the small, poised feet of a mother who smiles as she
 sings. 5

In spite of myself, the insidious mastery of song
 Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong
 To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside
 And hymns in the cozy parlor, the tinkling piano our guide. 10

So now it is vain for the singer to burst into clamor
 With the great black piano appassionato. The glamour
 Of childish days is upon me, my manhood is cast
 Down in the flood of remembrance, I weep like a child for the
 past. 15

D. H. Lawrence

Hide and Seek

Call out. Call loud: 'I'm ready! Come and find me!
 The sacks in the toolshed smell like the seaside.
 They'll never find you in this salty dark,
 But be careful that your feet aren't sticking out.
 Wiser not to risk another shout. 5

The floor is cold. They'll probably be searching
 The bushes near the swing. Whatever happens
 You mustn't sneeze when they come prowling in.
 And here they are, whispering at the door;
 You've never heard them sound so hushed before. 10

Don't breathe. Don't move. Stay dumb. Hide in your blindness.
 They're moving closer, someone stumbles, mutters;
 Their words and laughter scuffle, and they're gone.
 But don't come out just yet; they'll try the lane
 And then the greenhouse and back here again. 15

They must be thinking that you're very clever,
 Getting more puzzled as they search all over.
 It seems a long time since they went away.
 Your legs are stiff, the cold bites through your coat;
 The dark damp smell of sand moves in your throat. 20

It's time to let them know that you're the winner.
 Push off the sacks. Uncurl and stretch. That's better!
 Out of the shed and call to them: 'I've won!
 Here I am! Come and own up I've caught you!
 The darkening garden watches. Nothing stirs. 25

The bushes hold their breath; the sun is gone.
 Yes, here you are. But where are they who sought you?

Vernon Scannell

Sonnet 116 'Let me not to the marriage...'

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments; love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove.
O no, it is an ever-fixèd mark 5
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks 10
Within his bending sickle's compass come;
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

William Shakespeare

La Belle Dame sans Merci. A Ballad

I
 O what can ail thee, knight-at-arms,
 Alone and palely loitering?
 The sedge has withered from the lake,
 And no birds sing.

II
 Oh what can ail thee, knight-at-arms, 5
 So haggard and so woe-begone?
 The squirrel's granary is full,
 And the harvest's done.

III
 I see a lily on thy brow,
 With anguish moist and fever-dew, 10
 And on thy cheek a fading rose
 Fast withereth too.

IV
 I met a Lady in the meads
 Full beautiful – a faery's child,
 Her hair was long, her foot was light, 15
 And her eyes were wild.

V
 I made a garland for her head,
 And bracelets too, and fragrant zone;
 She looked at me as she did love,
 And made sweet moan. 20

VI
 I set her on my pacing steed,
 And nothing else saw all day long,
 For sidelong would she bend, and sing
 A faery's song.

VII
 She found me roots of relish sweet, 25
 And honey wild, and manna*-dew,
 And sure in language strange she said –
 'I love thee true.'

VIII
 She took me to her elfin grot,
 And there she wept and sighed full sore, 30
 And there I shut her wild wild eyes
 With kisses four.

IX
 And there she lullèd me asleep
 And there I dreamed – Ah! woe betide! –
 The latest dream I ever dreamt 35
 On the cold hill side.

X
 I saw pale kings, and princes too,
 Pale warriors, death-pale were they all;
 They cried – 'La Belle Dame sans Merci
 Thee hath in thrall!' 40

XI
 I saw their starved lips in the gloam,
 With horrid warning gapèd wide,
 And I awoke and found me here,
 On the cold hill's side.

XII
 And this is why I sojourn here 45
 Alone and palely loitering,
 Though the sedge is withered from the lake,
 And no birds sing.

John Keats

**Manna* – Food from heaven

Poem at Thirty-Nine

How I miss my father.
I wish he had not been
so tired
when I was
born.

5

Writing deposit slips and checks
I think of him.
He taught me how.
This is the form,
he must have said:
the way it is done.
I learned to see
bits of paper
as a way
to escape
the life he knew
and even in high school
had a savings
account.

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15

He taught me
that telling the truth
did not always mean
a beating;
though many of my truths
must have grieved him
before the end.

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25

How I miss my father!
He cooked like a person
dancing
in a yoga meditation
and craved the voluptuous
sharing
of good food.

30

Now I look and cook just like him:
my brain light;
tossing this and that
into the pot;
seasoning none of my life
the same way twice; happy to feed
whoever strays my way.

35

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He would have grown
to admire
the woman I've become:
cooking, writing, chopping wood,
staring into the fire.

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Alice Walker

Telephone conversation

The price seemed reasonable, location
 Indifferent. The landlady swore she lived
 Off premises. Nothing remained
 But self-confession. "Madam", I warned,
 "I hate a wasted journey – I am African." 5
 Silence. Silenced transmission of
 Pressurized good-breeding. Voice, when it came,
 Lipstick coated, long gold-rolled
 Cigarette-holder pipped. Caught I was, foully.
 "HOW DARK?...I had not misheard..."ARE YOU LIGHT 10
 OR VERY DARK?" Button B. Button A*. Stench
 Of rancid breath of public hide-and-speak.
 Red booth. Red pillar-box. Red double-tiered
 Omnibus squelching tar. It was real! Shamed
 By ill-mannered silence, surrender 15
 Pushed dumbfoundment to beg simplification.
 Considerate she was, varying the emphasis –
 "ARE YOU DARK? OR VERY LIGHT?" Revelation came.
 "You mean – like plain or milk chocolate?"
 Her accent was clinical, crushing in its light 20
 Impersonality. Rapidly, wave-length adjusted,
 I chose. "West African sepia" – and as afterthought,
 "Down in my passport." Silence for spectroscopic
 Flight of fancy, till truthfulness changed her accent
 Hard on the mouthpiece. "WHAT'S THAT?" conceding 25
 "DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS." "Like brunette."
 "THAT'S DARK, ISN'T IT?" "Not altogether.
 Facially, I am brunette, but madam, you should see
 The rest of me. Palm of my hand, soles of my feet
 Are a peroxide blond. Friction, caused – 30
 Foolishly, madam – by sitting down, has turned
 My bottom raven black – One moment, madam! – sensing
 Her receiver rearing on the thunderclap
 About my ears – "Madam," I pleaded, "wouldn't you rather
 See for yourself?" 35

Wole Soyinka

**Button A* – Buttons which had to be pressed when using a telephone in a public booth.
 Such telephones are no longer in use.

Once Upon a Time

Once upon a time, son,
 they used to laugh with their hearts
 and laugh with their eyes;
 but now they only laugh with their teeth,
 while their ice-block-cold eyes 5
 search behind my shadow.

There was a time indeed
 they used to shake hands with their hearts;
 but that's gone, son.
 Now they shake hands without hearts 10
 while their left hands search
 my empty pockets.

'Feel at home!' 'Come again';
 they say, and when I come
 again and feel 15
 at home, once, twice,
 there will be no thrice –
 for then I find doors shut on me.

So I have learned many things, son.
 I have learned to wear many faces 20
 like dresses – homeface,
 officeface, streetface, hostface,
 cocktailface, with all their conforming smiles
 like a fixed portrait smile.

And I have learned, too, 25
 to laugh with only my teeth
 and shake hands without my heart.
 I have also learned to say, 'Goodbye',
 when I mean 'Good-riddance';
 to say 'Glad to meet you', 30
 without being glad; and to say 'It's been
 nice talking to you', after being bored.

But believe me, son.
 I want to be what I used to be
 when I was like you. I want 35
 to unlearn all these muting things.
 Most of all, I want to relearn
 how to laugh, for my laugh in the mirror
 shows only my teeth like a snake's bare fangs!

So show me, son, 40
 how to laugh; show me how
 I used to laugh and smile
 once upon a time when I was like you.

Gabriel Okara

War Photographer

In his darkroom he is finally alone
 with spools of suffering set out in ordered rows.
 The only light is red and softly glows,
 as though this were a church and he
 a priest preparing to intone a Mass*. 5
 Belfast. Beirut. Phnom Penh. All flesh is grass.

He has a job to do. Solutions slop in trays
 beneath his hands, which did not tremble then
 though seem to now. Rural England. Home again
 to ordinary pain which simple weather can dispel,
 to fields which don't explode beneath the feet
 of running children in a nightmare heat. 10

Something is happening. A stranger's features
 faintly start to twist before his eyes,
 a half-formed ghost. He remembers the cries
 of this man's wife, how he sought approval
 without words to do what someone must
 and how the blood stained into foreign dust. 15

A hundred agonies in black and white
 from which his editor will pick out five or six
 for Sunday's supplement**. The reader's eyeballs prick
 with tears between the bath and pre-lunch beers.
 From the aeroplane he stares impassively at where
 he earns his living and they do not care. 20

Carol Ann Duffy

**Mass* – A religious service

***Sunday's supplement* – A regular additional section placed in a Sunday newspaper

The Tyger

Tyger, Tyger, burning bright,
 In the forests of the night:
 What immortal hand or eye,
 Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies 5
 Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
 On what wings dare he aspire?
 What the hand dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,
 Could twist the sinews of thy heart? 10
 And when thy heart began to beat,
 What dread hand? & what dread feet?

What the hammer? what the chain?
 In what furnace was thy brain?
 What the anvil? what dread grasp 15
 Dare its deadly terrors clasp!

When the stars threw down their spears
 And waterd heaven with their tears:
 Did he smile his work to see?
 Did he who made the Lamb make thee?* 20

Tyger, Tyger burning bright,
 In the forests of the night:
 What immortal hand or eye,
 Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?

William Blake

**Did he who made the Lamb make thee – God*

My Last Duchess**Ferrara**

That's my last Duchess painted on the wall,
 Looking as if she were alive. I call
 That piece a wonder, now: Frà Pandolf's hands
 Worked busily a day, and there she stands.
 Will't please you sit and look at her? I said 5
 'Frà Pandolf' by design, for never read
 Strangers like you that pictured countenance,
 The depth and passion of its earnest glance,
 But to myself they turned (since none puts by
 The curtain I have drawn for you, but I) 10
 And seemed as they would ask me, if they durst,
 How such a glance came there; so, not the first
 Are you to turn and ask thus. Sir, 'twas not
 Her husband's presence only, called that spot
 Of joy into the Duchess' cheek: perhaps 15
 Frà Pandolf chanced to say 'Her mantle laps
 Over my lady's wrist too much,' or 'Paint
 Must never hope to reproduce the faint
 Half-flush that dies along her throat': such stuff
 Was courtesy, she thought, and cause enough 20
 For calling up that spot of joy. She had
 A heart – how shall I say? – too soon made glad,
 Too easily impressed; she liked whate'er
 She looked on, and her looks went everywhere.
 Sir, 'twas all one! My favour at her breast, 25
 The dropping of the daylight in the West,
 The bough of cherries some officious fool
 Broke in the orchard for her, the white mule
 She rode with round the terrace – all and each
 Would draw from her alike the approving speech, 30
 Or blush, at least. She thanked men, – good! but thanked
 Somehow – I know not how – as if she ranked
 My gift of a nine-hundred-years-old name
 With anybody's gift. Who'd stoop to blame
 This sort of trifling? Even had you skill 35
 In speech – (which I have not) – to make your will
 Quite clear to such an one, and say, 'Just this
 Or that in you disgusts me; here you miss,
 Or there exceed the mark' – and if she let
 Herself be lessoned so, nor plainly set 40
 Her wits to yours, forsooth, and made excuse,
 – E'en then would be some stooping; and I choose
 Never to stoop. Oh sir, she smiled, no doubt,
 Whene'er I passed her; but who passed without
 Much the same smile? This grew; I gave commands; 45
 Then all smiles stopped together. There she stands
 As if alive. Will't please you rise? We'll meet
 The company below, then. I repeat,
 The Count your master's known munificence
 Is ample warrant that no just pretence 50
 Of mine for dowry will be disallowed;
 Though his fair daughter's self, as I avowed
 At starting, is my object. Nay, we'll go
 Together down, sir. Notice Neptune, though,
 Taming a sea-horse, thought a rarity, 55
 Which Claus of Innsbruck cast in bronze for me!

Robert Browning

A Mother in a Refugee Camp

No Madonna and Child could touch
 Her tenderness for a son
 She soon would have to forget. . . .
 The air was heavy with odors of diarrhea,
 Of unwashed children with washed-out ribs 5
 And dried-up bottoms waddling in labored steps
 Behind blown-empty bellies. Other mothers there
 Had long ceased to care, but not this one:
 She held a ghost smile between her teeth, 10
 and in her eyes the memory
 Of a mother's pride. . . . She had bathed him
 And rubbed him down with bare palms.
 She took from their bundle of possessions
 A broken comb and combed 15
 The rust-colored hair left on his skull
 And then – humming in her eyes – began carefully to part it.
 In their former life this was perhaps
 A little daily act of no consequence
 Before his breakfast and school; now she did it 20
 Like putting flowers on a tiny grave.

Chinua Achebe

Please note the American spelling of 'odors' 'diarrhea' 'labored' and 'colored'.
 (English spellings: odours, diarrhoea, laboured and coloured.)

Do not go gentle into that good night

Do not go gentle into that good night,
 Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
 Because their words had forked no lightning they
 Do not go gentle into that good night. 5

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
 Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
 And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
 Do not go gentle into that good night. 10

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
 Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light. 15

And you, my father, there on the sad height,
 Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
 Do not go gentle into that good night.
 Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Dylan Thomas

Remember

Remember me when I am gone away,
 Gone far away into the silent land;
 When you can no more hold me by the hand,
 Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.
 Remember me when no more day by day
 You tell me of our future that you planned:
 Only remember me; you understand
 It will be late to counsel then or pray.
 Yet if you should forget me for a while
 And afterwards remember, do not grieve: 10
 For if the darkness and corruption leave
 A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
 Better by far you should forget and smile
 Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina Rossetti

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