

The Heart in Poetry and Song

Dedicated to Walter Percy, the distinguished novelist attuned to the beauty, charm, and inspiration of poetry and song, which complements his high literary ability.

Horatio to the dead Hamlet:

"Now cracks a noble heart.
Good night, sweet prince,
And flights of angels sing thee
to thy rest!"

(Gene Fowler borrows from Shakespeare "Good night, sweet Prince" for the title of his biography of John Barrymore.)

Hearts that are great are always lone;
They never will manifest their best;
Their greatest greatness is unknown —
Earth knows a little — God the rest!

Father Ryan

1. Heart of My Heart
2. My Heart Stood Still
3. The Heart Bowed Down (aria)
4. Two Hearts in $\frac{3}{4}$ Time
5. I Left My Heart in San Francisco
6. Who Stole My Heart Away?
7. With a Song in My Heart
8. I Find a Broken Heart among My Souvenirs

One of the World's Great Scientists made a Surprising Discovery about His Life

"If I had my life to live over again, I would have made it a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least every week. . . . The loss of these tastes is a loss of happiness, and may possibly be injurious to the intellect, and more probably to the moral character, by enfeebling the emotional part of our nature." Charles Darwin
Author of *On the Origin of Species*

Or from Browning some pomegranate,
which if cut down the middle,
shows a heart within, blood-tinted,
of a veined humanity.

An excerpt from *Lady Geraldine's Courtship*
by Elizabeth Barrett Browning