

Harold and Antonia

All the betting agents
forecast that the alliance
between the aristocratic
blonde of biographies
and the dark dramatist
of humble origins
would never be joined.

But between the beginning
and the end, their words,
his fondness for cricket
and for a countryside's celebration of liberty
showed an exuberance for living
enabling each to be strong
though one might be stronger.

A common spiritual touch
lasted through glades of loving,
accolades of fame and insisted
that even at the death,
the energy that came from equality
would ensure
their sun could never go down.

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*My reaction to Antonia Fraser's memoir –
Must You Go ? - of her life with poet, playwright
scriptwriter and social activist
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