

## **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  
Harold Pinter*