



# love letters

*A selection of the most famous poetry and prose of all time*

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John Murray, from a letter by Byron

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**Romanticism** is the art of presenting people with the Literary works which are capable of affording them the greatest possible **pleasure**, in the present state of their customs and beliefs.

Henri Beyle (called Stendhal)

If ever two were one, then surely we.  
If ever man were **lov'd** by wife, then thee;  
If ever wife was happy in a man,  
Compare with me ye women if you can.  
I prize thy love more than whole mines of Gold,  
Or all the **riches** that the east doth hold.  
My love is such that rivers cannot quench,  
Nor ought but love from thee, give recompense.  
Thy love is such I can no way repay,  
The heavens **reward** thee manifold repay.  
Then while we live, in love let's so persevere,  
That when we live no more, we may live ever.

Ann Bradstreet



She walks in **beauty**, like the night  
Of cloudless climes and starry skies,  
And all that's best of dark and bright  
Meet in her aspect and her **eyes**;  
Thus **mellow'd** to that tender light  
Which heaven and gaudy day denies.

Lord Byron

Though **weary**,  
love is not tired;  
Though pressed, it is not straitened;  
Though **alarmed**, it is not confounded,  
Love securely passes through all.

Thomas A. Kempis