

## **LORD BYRON**

In the same year (1788) that Charles Wesley was buried in St Marylebone churchyard, a baby was brought to the church to be christened, who grew up to be the poet, Lord Byron. The Byrons, who were of Norman stock, lived at that time in Holles Street, Cavendish Square. Most of the earliest years of the poet were spent in Scotland. He was educated at Harrow School and Cambridge.

By the time Byron left the university he had inherited his title, and the family seat – Newstead – which made an ideal setting for one who was the spirit and genius of Romance.

We, in this country, may remember Byron chiefly for his poetry; the people of Greece will always remember him most gratefully for his passionate and costly devotion to the cause of their independence as a nation. It was at Missolonghi in Greece at the early age of thirty-six that he died.

Byron and Shelley are said to have been the two poets who most strongly influenced Robert Browning, who was twelve years old when Byron died.