



Diana Wardle

30 12 1948 – 29 12 2023

*A Ceremony at Redditch Crematorium to
commemorate Diana's life, love and achievements.*

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024

Blessed City, heavenly Salem, Bairstow

The Spirit of the Lord, Elgar

Merton College Choir

Welcome

Steve Coomber

Ithaka

Constantine Cavafy, 1863-1933

read by Ivor Hill

As you set out for Ithaka
hope your road is a long one,
full of adventure, full of discovery.
Laistrygonians, Cyclops,
angry Poseidon—don't be afraid of them:
you'll never find things like that on your way
as long as you keep your thoughts raised high,
as long as a rare excitement
stirs your spirit and your body.

Hope your road is a long one.
May there be many summer mornings when,
with what pleasure, what joy,
you enter harbours you're seeing for the first time;
may you stop at Phoenician trading stations
to buy fine things,
mother of pearl and coral, amber and ebony,
sensual perfume of every kind—
as many sensual perfumes as you can;
and may you visit many Egyptian cities
to learn and go on learning from their scholars.

Keep Ithaka always in your mind.
Arriving there is what you're destined for.
But don't hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
so you're old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you've gained on the way,
not expecting Ithaka to make you rich.

Ithaka gave you the marvellous journey.
Without her you wouldn't have set out
She has nothing left to give you now.

Music: Ena Mythos

Manos Hatzidakis
sung by Nana Mouskouri

Diana *philóxeni*

Ken Dowden

Music: Nessun dorma

from Puccini's Turandot
sung by 'the Three Tenors'

Diana creator

Julia Hyland

Sleep, dearie, sleep

Lone Piper of Black Watch

No man is an island

John Dunn, 1572-1631
read by Ken

No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were:
Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.

Nunc Dimittis in D, Dyson

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Costumes based on the fresco in 'The Room with the Fresco', Mycenae, for *Bringing to Life Aegean Late Bronze Age Costume* Thessaloniki Archaeological Museum, May 2019

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