'The Stranger'

Kipling's poem is so relevant today

A LTHOUGH written at the turn of the last century, Rudyard Kipling's poem, *The Stranger*, still has something to say today, helping to make sense of the recent terrorist attacks in London and the psychology of the perpetrators.

The poem is a warning to us on this island, especially our native born. All British people should read it, know it, and understand it.

It is because such work is relevant today that the liberal elite are trying to airbrush Kipling from our consciousness, but what they fail to understand is that what has once been written will always be able to be found. Poems such as *The Stranger* will be there to try to help guide each generation when they become lost and confused by what is happening in Britain today.

■ RUDYARD KIPLING

THE stranger within my gate,
He may be true or kind,
But he does not talk my talk—
I cannot feel his mind.
I see the face and the eyes and the mouth,
But not the soul behind.

The men of my own stock
They may do ill or well,
But they tell the lies I am wonted to,
They are used to the lies I tell,
When we go to buy and sell.

The Stranger within my gates, He may be evil or good, But I cannot tell what powers control— What reasons sway his mood; Nor when the Gods of his far-off land Shall repossess his blood.

The men of my own stock
Bitter bad they may be,
But, at least, they hear the things I hear,
And see the things I see;
And whatever I think of them and their likes
They think of the likes of me.

This was my father's belief
And this is also mine:
Let the corn be all one sheaf—
And the grapes be all one vine,
Ere our children's teeth are set on edge
By bitter bread and wine.



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