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# Poets Corner

*The absence has been protracted: undoubtedly, demands which high office imposes on available time were a contributory factor. Now, Joe Lynch makes a welcome return to our poetry feature with a most thoughtful work. Joe operates out of Donegal, is close to the 'Wee Six' where, at the time of writing (March 27), two men who are poles apart on several fronts have just sat at table in concord which had long been considered unreachable.*

*Since Joe's poem came into being some time ago, was he being prescient? Hardly! In any case it doesn't really matter. The sentiments expressed are noble ones and may be applied to varying types of situations. All our former President will divulge is that the poem was written to mark the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Carol, to Mark.*

## *A New Journey*

by Joe Lynch

*Unknown happenings directed by a greater hand  
Bring subtle changes, often unseen, greatly ignored:  
Interwoven through centuries, integration a reality:  
Human diversity ensuring that differences are vanquished.*

*Realignment of genes, paths of centuries gone by  
Once again traversed. That rocky road, now made  
Smoother by a new awakening and acceptance  
Would, in times gone by, have been a cratered way.*

*Cultures exchanged but not forsaken: a deep-seated  
Belief in all that is good, to lift and carry the burdens  
This journey through life oft throws in the way of  
All who would challenge perceived normality.*

*Paths crossed in the mists of time: from one beginning  
Destined to meet and to entwine: life's river to run  
As one: a new awakening of age-old feelings  
To see life through to journey's end.*

