



The Grand Old Lady of Carcinology

A setting of limericks for Vocal Quartet

by Frances M Lynch

celebrating

Marine Biologist Dr Isabella Gordon (1901-1988)

(Text by Frances M Lynch)

The Grand Old Lady of Carcinology

Shared Hirohito's love of Marine Biology

They met in Japan

And together they swam

In a sea of Crustacean Zoology

She travelled and wrote, and studied and drew

Of honours and medals she acquired quite a few

The tributes rolled in

Making, oh, such a din

Then a colleague piped up on her published review: -

HE SAID:

(Text by Dr A.J. Bateman, a colleague of Dr Gordon's)

The Thermophilous shrimp from Tunisia

Said: when it gets cold I get busier

I dig a hole

And fill it with coal

Then there's nowhere as warm as it is 'ere

SHE REPLIED –

(Text by Dr Isabella Gordon)

The idea is OK – but Aplysia

Is the rhyme I should choose for Tunisia

A purist and Scot

I simply could not

Pronounce it to rhyme with "it is 'ie-r-r!!

(Aplysia - a type of sea slug)