

## Ricardo Ribeiro

### "Alma Minha"

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Alma minha gentil, que te partiste  
tãŁo cedo desta vida descontente,  
repousa lá; no Céu eternamente,  
e viva eu cá; na terra sempre triste.

Se lá; no assento etérreo, onde subiste,  
memória desta vida se consente,  
nãŁo te esqueças daquele amor ardente  
que já; nos olhos meus tãŁo puro viste.

E se vires que pode merecer te  
algũa causa a dor que me ficou  
da mágoa, sem remédido, de perder te,

roga a Deus, que teus anos encurtou,  
que tãŁo cedo de cá; me leve a ver te,  
quãŁo cedo de meus olhos te levou.

Submitter's comments:Â

This was Amelia Rodrigues' song which is performed in this clip as a tribute to her. Poem is by LUIS VAZ DE CAMĂ•ES (1524-1580), the glory of Portuguese literature, is also famous for his poetry in Spanish. He was born and died in Lisbon and through birth occupied a distinguished place at court until an unhappy love affair banished him from the city in 1547. He joined the army and later lost an eye at the naval battle of Ceuta. Returning from Goa in 1570, after persecution and imprisonment, he fell into poverty and obscurity and so died. His great work the Os Lusíadas (The Lusíads) was published first in 1572.

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