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**CROWLEY'S POEMS**

**MYSTICAL AND SENSUOUS THEMES**

Aleister Crowley was born at Leamington, Warwickshire, on October 12, 1875. Perhaps his work best known to Australians is the novel "The Diary of a Drug Fiend," published about 1922. He has written many poems.

In his "Red Poppy" the following lines occur:—

"One kiss, a starbeam faint  
With love of a sweet saint  
Stolen like a sacrament  
In the night's shrine."

Elsewhere he writes of

"A Eden trod  
Not by the seemly spirits of the sea,  
But by brave men, built wholly of desire."

In his poem "The City of God" he wrote:—

". . . the warrior signed for us to loose  
Our shoes, for that ground whereon we trod  
Was holy already from profaner use,  
Being the outskirts of the City of God."

Crowley has also a set of grimly satirical poems—"Songs Before Battle."