

Lowry goodwill messages sent for the blue plaque unveiling on 28 July 2019 and read out at the reception that followed

Sherrill Grace, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

I wish I could be there but, since I cannot, I send my warmest greetings to the Lowry family and to my dear Liverpool colleagues on this wonderful occasion. Malc is somewhere watching and chuckling. 'Sursum Corda!' (*Lift up your hearts*)

Mark Goodall, University of Bradford, founder of *The Firminists* and editor of a journal of the same name:

DEAR MALCOM (STOP)

HOPE THE 'VOYAGE THAT NEVER ENDS' IS GOING WELL (STOP)

REMINDER THAT THE DEADLINE PASSED 70 YEARS AGO

(END)

Paul Tiessen, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario

Before Cuernavaca and Tlaxcala, before Vancouver and Dollarton, there was Liverpool and the Wirral. Congratulations on bringing Lowry to his home in the North: 'Looking towards Liverpool ... he experienced the sensation ... of seeing straight North ... a vast white calm where sea was confused with sky' (*In Ballast...*). Congratulations and best wishes.

Alberto Rebollo, Malcolm Lowry Foundation, organiser of Malcolm Lowry Colloquium, Cuernavaca

They say, 'Nobody is a prophet in their own land', and it's a shame that this is the case of our beloved Malcolm Lowry who is considered by us, his *apostles* in Mexico, as a real prophet! We recently unveiled a kind of 'blue plaque' of our own outside one of the oldest cantinas in Cuernavaca, *La Estrella* (The Star) that reads: 'What beauty can compare to that of a cantina in the early morning?' We'd like to see a museum, but for now are planning a statue for him in Cuernavaca. We send greetings, and hope to see you in Liverpool on the next Day of the Dead, to continue celebrating his life and work.

Patrick McCarthy, University of Miami

It seems an especially appropriate omen, one that Malcolm Lowry would have relished, that this ceremony honoring his work follows so soon after another Lowry won the 2019 British Open golf tournament. Cheers to all, in honor of our 'Donne of the fairways' and his creator!

Miguel Mota, University of British Columbia

Pat took the words out of my mouth. And Liverpool won the Champions League this year as well! Though I'm not sure Lowry was much into football. Best wishes for the big day.

Catherine Delesalle-Nancey, University Jean Moulin, Lyon

This is a great birthday present to Malcolm Lowry and I am sure, from where he is, he will be delighting in this tribute, hoping his father can see it, and celebrating of course in style. I wish I could be there with you! Cheers!

Chris Ackerley, University of Otago, New Zealand

While I cannot be there to help launch the 'Blueliner' I shall (like Masefield) go down to the sea again and (unlike Arnold) think of it not as 'salt estranging', but as linking friends of Lowry all over the world.