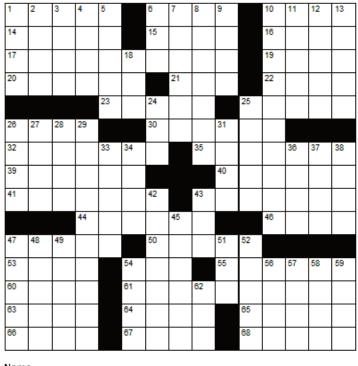
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Tony Bardon is a retired chartered accountant, originally from Co Laois but living in Rathfarnham for nearly 40 years.

Now that he has more time, he is following his passions in his life – songwriting, poetry and golf. He has been writing songs for many years and was runner-up in the National Song Contest as far back as 1971.

He also composed and sang parodies on Joe Duffy's Funny Friday Show for a number of vears

Over the years, Tony has been writing the occasional poem, but he isnow taking it more seriously and he joined the Tallaght Group Platform One last year.

"I find it is a very stimulating environment to be in and I have benefited from their constructive criticism, which for me is the key to growth as a poet. I enjoy writing poetry, as it is

another opportunity to craft words but without the restrictions of the song format".

Tony is also a member of the Marley Poetry Group. His songs can be found on www.tonybardon com

The Ecstasy and the Agony of Cosmic Connection by Tony Bardon

I was found by you You were found by me From among seven billion others Our energies attracting And engaging one another

I am alive to you You are alive to me No longer distant strangers Our energies entwining As love dispels the dangers

I am lost in you You are lost in me Now we no longer exist Our energies transcending In a moment of cosmic bliss

I am dead to you You are dead to me So soon a resurrection Has returned us to our mortality Imperfects still seeking perfection

I am lost to you You are lost to me Once more we are on our own On our separate sacred journeys To our universal home

ACROSS . Reef material

- 6. Precious stones
- 10. Rodents
- 14. Licoricelike flavor
- 15. Found in some lotions
- 16. Biblical kingdom 17. Purification
- 19. Departed
- 20. What's left behind
- 21. By means of
- 22. Cain's brother
- 23. Beginning 25. Seize
- 26. Bluefin
- 30. Made noises while
- sleeping
- 32. An ardent early supporter
- 35. A 19th century art
- movement
- 39. A dwarfed ornamental tree
- 40. Ring around the nipple
- 41. Smiled contemptuously
- 43. Quartz
- 44. A musical composition
- 46. Identical 47. Anxietv
- 50. Foot lever
- 53. Residence hall
- 54. Female pronoun
- 55. Highly seasoned fatty
- sausage

65. Barbarous 66. Canvas dwelling 67. Container weight

61. Bowels

63. Scheme

64. Untruths

- 68. Urgency
- DOWN

- 1. Concern
 - 2.1111 3. Break in friendly relations
 - 4. Largest continent

60. Double-reed woodwind

- 5. Slowly, in music
- 6. A leg (slang)
- 7.1 less than a dozen
- 8. Watch closely
- 9. Bristle
- 10. In spite of everything
- 11. Pueblo brick 12. Notes
- 13. Refine metal 18.
- Poetic dusk
- 24. South southeast
- 25. Tired
- 26. Checks
- 27. Atop
- 28. Not a single one
- 29. Appraisal 31. Back
 - 33. Fortuneteller's card

34. Mortgage

- 36. Greek letter
- 37. Close violently
- 38. Man
- 42. Water flea 43. Knave
- 45. Move unsteadily
- 47. Take as one's own
- 48. Chivalrous
- 49. Indicate pain or
- displeasure
- 51. Donkey
- - 52. Lock 54. Sediment
 - 56. Former Italian currency
 - 57. Rectum
 - 58. Encounter
 - 59. Small island
 - 62. East southeast

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