"Now I shall go to sleep. Good night"

Christos Gikas

Lord George Gordon Byron, the remarkable romantic poet was also known for his scandalous lifestyle as well as for being a rebel and champion of liberty. Due to serious accusations against him, Byron left England in April 1816 and never returned.

Commemorative cancellation on Byron's 100th Death Anniversary, 1924 Greece

Byron's takes an oath on the tomb of Independence hero Markos Botsaris

Byron's admiration for the Greek insurgents in the war for independence from the Turkish rule and in July 1823 led him to Greece to join them. Byron a few months later took command of his own military unit. However, his health began to deteriorate, passing away on 19 April 1824, at the age of 36. His final words were : "Now I shall go to sleep. Good night".

"**The last vision of Byron**" depicting Byron on his deathbed with Glory and Greece as a little girl approaching him.