

Dazzling Star and Valiant Knight: a study of the astrological chart of

TONY CRANE

When one sees the tall, dark and handsome musician on stage, one is often tempted, I think, to project on to him the image par excellence of the Romantic Hero – whether this takes the form of a compassionate saviour of damsels in distress, a Cinderella – seeking Prince Charming or a more challenging and initially elusive Mr. Darcy. Is the real man, though – the real flesh –and – blood Tony Crane – anything like the romantic image? Does meeting him after a show, for example, level up to Jennifer Ehle's encounter with Colin Firth at the side of that now famous lake? An examination of Tony Crane's birth chart would suggest that – well, yes! - to some extent he is rather like the fabled chivalrous knight in shining armour, but as his flashing, dark eyes would suggest, he is more complicated than that.

Spirit of the Age

He was born in April 1945 into a Europe in which war was drawing to an end. In that same month, principal European tyrants were falling from power and hope of a brighter future was springing to life in the hearts of those who had suffered. The heroism of conquering heroes combined with the collective hunger for both civilised behaviour and the restoration of culture were part of the spirit of the age - and this spirit would have been absorbed by the baby boy, the star to be. The enthusiasm for heroism and the longing for culture, both imprinted on the moment of birth, were to be the gifts bestowed on him, as if by angels, at the cradle side.

Hero and Artist

Aries (the Hero) and Pisces (the Artist) are two signs of the Zodiac emphasised in Tony Crane's astrological chart. The former sign is traditionally associated with energy, drive and the desire to be first; the latter, with poetry, drama and, above all, music. The fusion of the two – the combination of the raw energy of Aries and the mystical quality of Pisces – is something Tony Crane has to bring into manifestation in his life in order to find inner peace.