



Funeral of St. John Kemp, Keswick, 18th March 2015

*Unofficial Speech by his eldest son Viscount Jonathan Rochdale**

My name is Jonathan Kemp, St. John's eldest child.

I understand that St John was buried this morning. Elizabeth, I would like to say a few words to him.

St John, we had some great times together, walking, running, racing around the lake on bicycles. I think we even got our times down to around an hour - At times it was a happy childhood here in Keswick and in Rochdale.

It is a tragedy that I have been estranged from you for the past 15 years or so. We all bear the scars of that and do wish that it could have been otherwise.

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However, today actually sets me free. Over the years I have become a much more independent individual and may have been able to help far more people than might have been the case if the status quo had remained. Perhaps, ironically, you St John might also have benefitted if free of your own heritage.



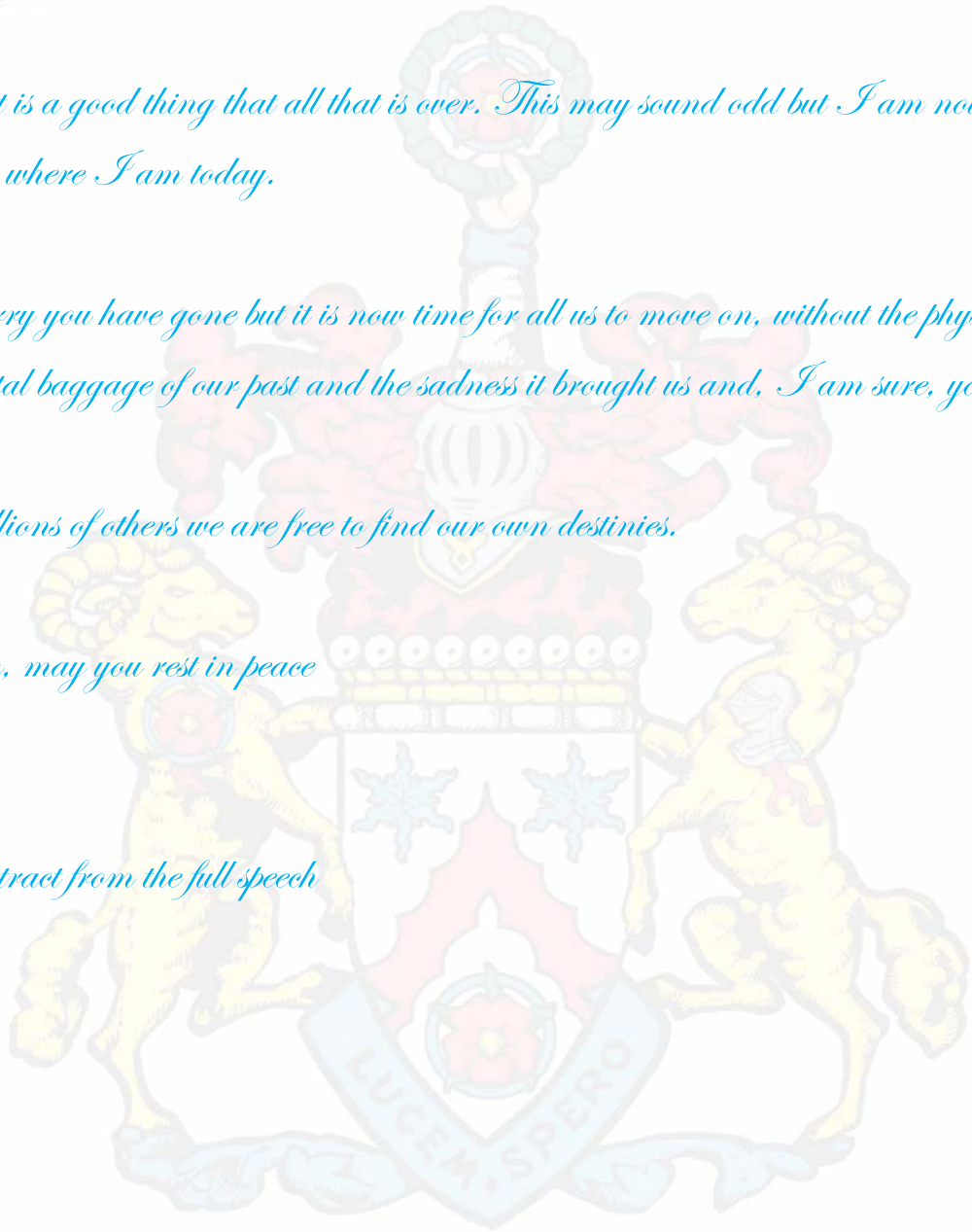
Maybe it is a good thing that all that is over. This may sound odd but I am now glad to be where I am today.

I am sorry you have gone but it is now time for all us to move on, without the physical and mental baggage of our past and the sadness it brought us and, I am sure, you.

Like millions of others we are free to find our own destinies.

St. John, may you rest in peace

** An extract from the full speech*



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