

**John Blight**

**COSMOPOLITAN LONDON**

I saw London so late in life!  
Somewhere in a closet I hid  
the Globe's Map on a ball-size sphere  
I used to spin, neglecting its  
earnest study. Sufficient the  
British Empire stained its surface  
red at every tangent and  
History was Geography. Pass  
one subject and I was passed in both.  
Then came Singapore — Renown and  
the Repulse sunk within the  
hour. The waves closed over British  
glory — my Globe was valueless —  
Now the Empire lives in London.