

WINNER OF
THE NOBEL PRIZE
FOR LITERATURE

DEREK
WALCOTT

Omeros



To: HEAD OF DELEGATION

The Hon. Dato Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohammad, Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The Government of Saint Lucia shares this wonderful experience of yet another gathering of the Commonwealth family with you and your people.

We wish to commemorate this event by presenting you with a copy of the work of a world-renowned St. Lucian Poet and Playwright Derek Walcott.

St. Lucia is extremely proud, as a Commonwealth country to have produced two Nobel Prize Winners, Sir Arthur Lewis in the field of Economics in 1979 and Mr Derek Walcott in the field of Literature in 1993. This achievement goes some way in reinforcing the tradition of scholarship, intellect and creativity in the commonwealth family.

The publication of Derek Walcott's book entitled OMEROS in 1993 played a significant part in helping him to win this coveted prize for Saint Lucia, the Caribbean, the Commonwealth and for the lovers of literature around the world.

I trust that this book might enrichen your leisure time as the weight of international affairs and the problems of the world bear down on you.

The Government of Saint Lucia joins hands with your Government in the search for PEACE, PROGRESS and PROSPERITY.



The Honourable Dr. Kenny Anthony
Prime Minister

Kenny D. Anthony



The Honourable Mr. George Odlum
Foreign Minister

George Odlum

OMEROS

Derek Walcott was born in St Lucia in 1930. He was educated at St Mary's College and the University of the West Indies. He has taught at the universities of Columbia, Yale and Harvard. Currently, he is Professor of English at Boston University, where he teaches writing courses in poetry and drama. Among his many plays are *Dream on Monkey Mountain* (for which he won an off-Broadway award), *Pantomime* and *The Odyssey*. His *Collected Poems 1948-1984* was published in 1986 and *The Arkansas Testament* in 1987. He was awarded the Queen's Medal for poetry in 1988, and the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992. *Omeros* won the W. H. Smith Literary Award in 1990.

Derek Walcott divides his time between Boston and the Caribbean.

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