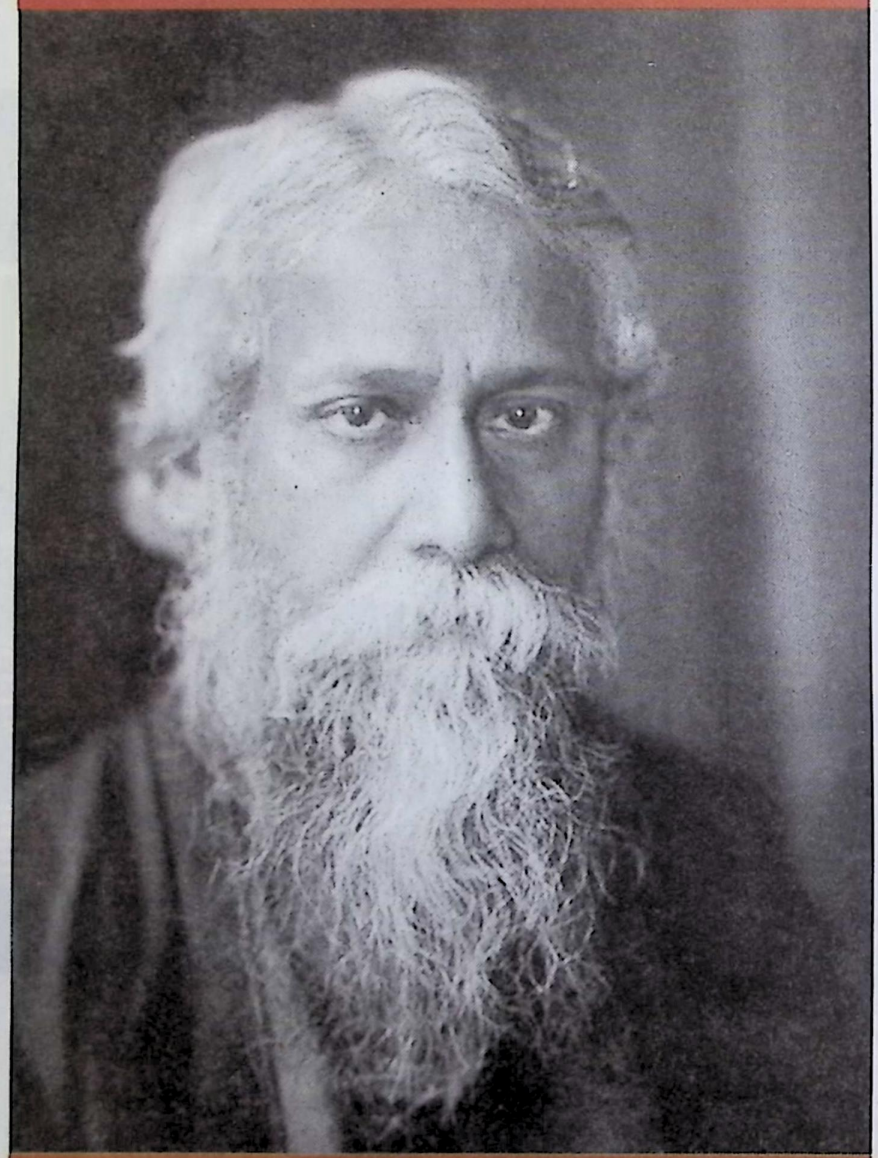
The World of Poetry

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PLATO wanted to banish poets from his ideal state. The fault with them was their exuberance of emotion. The poets are alleged to be impractical. They tend to judge everything with emotion rather then reason and it might be a symptom of insanity, which makes them social misfits. Therefore the ancient Greek philosopher took an avowed stance against them. It is probably true that poets are emotional as they deal with the subtle art of poetry. Poetry is mostly intended to convey emotive meaning, beyond rule-constrained connotation. That is, the meaning of poetry may not be found in the surface of words but in the undercurrent hidden inside the visible and audible symbols. According to William Wordsworth, poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings taking origin from emotions recollected in tranquillity. To be a poet, one has to have emotion and he has to utilise it in his writing.