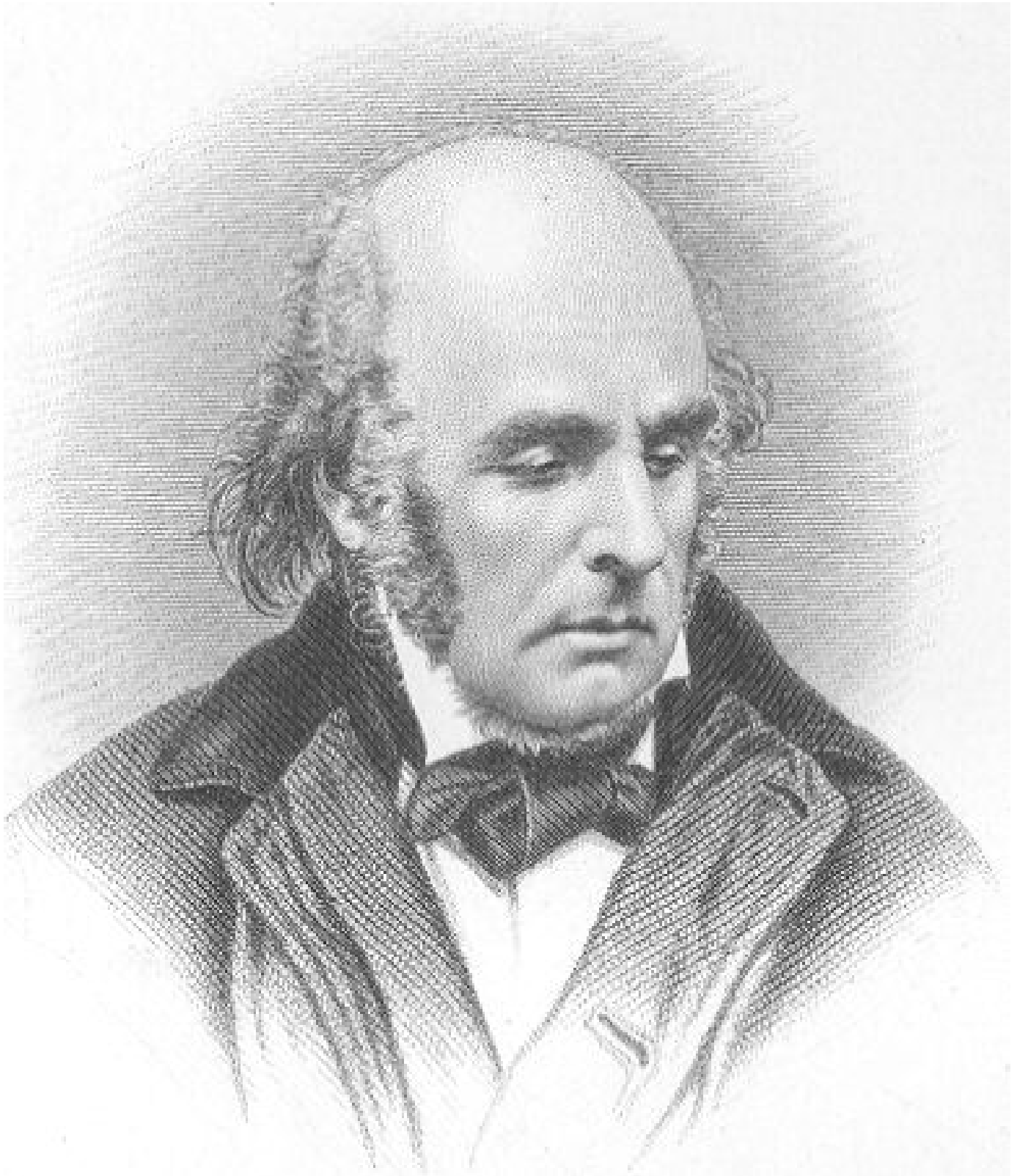




Edward Fitzgerald, 1873.

The Victorian poet, famous as translator of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, was a frequent visitor at the Falcon Inn for the fishing and peace that it offered, and wrote in praise of the place to his friends. Omar was an 11th century astronomer and poet of Persia and his quatrains have become famous in the west through the free translations of Edward Fitzgerald. His was by no means a literal translation but more of an expression of the feeling and passion of the original. "The Moving finger writes, and, having writ, moves on. Nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

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