

# Power

Perhaps a great power's cultural influence,  
like an ageing gigolo's charm,  
is the last thing to go.

Long after Britain lost its might, there were  
people in Hong Kong and Zimbabwe  
moaning about their servants  
and describing things as "just not cricket"  
in a way no one in England  
had done since 1913.

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