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For more information about the anthology, contact Moore on 07960 120468 or email jimarts2003@yahoo.co.uk

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