

**Name of memorial:** Tom Kettle Memorial

**Inventory No. 1140**

**Place:** Rose Garden

**Address and map reference:** Rose garden, University College, Belfield, Dublin 4

Map reference: O 189 299 (Sheet 50).

Co-ordinates: N 53.3066°; W 6.2163°.

**Access:** at all times. **Parking:** car parks near-by. **Disabled access:** yes.

**Position:** on a wall beside a gateway.

**Description and dimensions:** bronze plaque.

Height: appx. 45cms. Width: appx. 35cms.

**Recorded by:** Michael Pegum 9 November, 2018.

**Text:**

**TO MY DAUGHTER BETTY, THE GIFT OF GOD**

In wiser days, my darling rosebud, blown  
To beauty proud as was your mother's prime,  
In that desired, delayed, incredible time,  
You'll ask why I abandoned you, my own,  
And the dear heart that was your baby throne,  
To dice with death. And oh! they'll give you rhyme  
And reason: some will call the thing sublime,  
And some decry it in a knowing tone.  
So here, while the mad guns curse overhead,  
And tired men sigh with mud for couch and floor,  
Know that we fools, now with the foolish dead,  
Died not for flag, nor King, nor Emperor,  
But for a dream, born in a herdsman's shed,  
And for the secret Scripture of the poor.

**In the field before Guillemont, Somme.**

**Sept. 4., 1916**

**Thomas Michael Kettle, b. Artane, Dublin, 9 Feb. 1880:**

**BA (RUI) 1902; MP for East Tyrone, 1906-10;**

**Professor of National Economics of Ireland, UCD, 1903-16;**

**Volunteer, 1913-14; Lieutenant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1914-16;**

**Killed in Action, Ginchy, the Somme, 9 Sept. 1916.**