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Adrian Mitchell who has been writing poetry since the late 60s, and describes himself on his website as "the shadow poet laureate", said, "I'm very excited that so many people have voted for my poem. Human Beings is a poem for peace. It is about the joy of being human, but that doesn't mean that it's against animals or alien beings. When it goes into space and it's read by aliens, I'd hate for them to think that it's anti alternative life forms."

"If the Martians can translate this and interpret it, it will give them an interesting view of human nature!" added the astronomer and presenter Sir Patrick Moore.