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It may be objected that the Princess de Lamballe was, by birth, an Italian. But by her marriage, by the more important part of her life, and above all by her tragic death, she belongs to the country of her adoption.

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