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Some people are like monarch butterflies—solitary by nature, on a passionate search for somewhere. Critically acclaimed songwriter Courtney

Marie Andrews presents her first poetry collection. This poetry collection reads like a transformation, me, the narrator, being the figurative Old Monarch. Documenting this journey, the book is separated into three sections, "Sonoran Milkweed," "Longing In Flight," and "Eucalyptus Tree (My Arrival to Rest)." In the first stage of my journey, I explore my childhood in Arizona, and the naive assumptions of youth. At this stage in my journey, I am impressionable, seeing the world with all its nuances for the first time. Through the landscape of the Sonoran Desert, I explore some dark family dynamics and what a

child sees. Several characters turn up in the early poems including my cowboy grandpa, and the single mother who raised me, despite many forthcoming. The early poems also explore my desire to see a brighter world of possibility beyond the dusty desert island, and see humans more clearly within the confounds of discovery. In the second stage, I have left home. I am falling in love for the first time, as I become a young woman. Finally, the last stage is the old monarch's arrival to the garden. There are a lot of metaphysical and philosophical poems in this section. I arrive at the figurative garden, and I finally understand the journey

at the edge of my life. There are a lot of poems in the context of a garden here, accepting mortality and the ever-changing world. These are meant to be wise old woman poems. The Bitter Taste of Loneliness is a freestyle poetry collection written by Sandra Frey, the first published work from the author. Dripping with heartbreak, romance and longing, The Bitter Taste of Loneliness is a beautiful toast to the darker side of love. The pages are filled with charming recollections of first meetings, falling hard, an unrequited love and the painful realization that your heart must move on. These original pieces are heartfelt and emotional. A

dark, enchanting letter to the writers true love. When I first started writing poetry at 16, I never intended to write a book. Writing poetry for me was over a girl. Then it turned into more of a biography of my own life, such as a snapshot of that moment in time. When I was feeling in love, I wrote poems about love, and also those more depressing moments that come with heartbreak and loneliness. Poetry became a method of therapy at first, but as I experienced different moments in life through the military, traveling, marriage, children, and divorce, I have grown through the years and so has my poetry. Writing was something I knew I could do,

and for some reason I was able to express myself through words. It was a way I was able to escape from reality, by expressing myself in poetry. Many poems have been lost over the years, but for the most part, this poetry collection is still a very close representation of my personal life and all its Tears, Wishes, and Dreams. The book depicts the story in poetry about a woman, her love and daily life as she awaits her lover's return home from Special Forces duty. It portrays her strength, but most of all her courage and the certainty that time and distance could never separate her from her significant other. It is a powerful love story showing

true and deeply meaningful love in motion. It is about life, love and missing that special someone when they are not by your side. The book is compiled of extracts taken from her daily journal. Turn the pages and feel the love; follow her daily journey and discover how life and love can survive from a distance. Now in one volume: Three exquisite meditations on nature, healing, and the pleasures of the solitary life from a New York Times–bestselling author. In a long life spent recording her personal observations, poet, novelist, and memoirist May Sarton redefined the journal as a literary form. This extraordinary volume collects

three of her most beloved works. *Journal of a Solitude*: Sarton's bestselling memoir chronicles a solitary year spent at the house she bought and renovated in the quiet village of Nelson, New Hampshire. Her revealing insights are a moving and profound reflection on creativity, oneness with nature, and the courage it takes to be alone. *Plant Dreaming Deep*: Sarton's intensely personal account of how she transformed a dilapidated eighteenth-century farmhouse into a home is a loving, beautifully crafted memoir illuminated by themes of friendship, love, nature, and the struggles of the creative life. *Recovering*: In this

affecting diary of one year's hardships and healing, Sarton focuses on her sixty-sixth year, which was marked by the turmoil of a mastectomy, the end of a treasured relationship, and the loneliness that visits a life of chosen solitude. By turns uplifting, cathartic, and revelatory, Sarton's journals still strike a chord in the hearts of contemporary readers. Through them, in the words of the *Los Angeles Times*, "we are able to see our own experiences reflected in hers and we are enriched." Poetry. *African American Studies*. "Claudia Rankine is a fiercely gifted young poet. Intelligence, a curiosity and hunger for understanding like some

worrying, interior, physical pain, a gift for being alert in the world. She knows when to bless and to curse, to wonder and to judge, and she doesn't flinch. *NOTHING IN NATURE IS PRIVATE* is an arrival. It's the kind of book that makes you hopeful for American poetry."—Robert Hass "I am excited by Claudia Rankine's poems, their elegance, their emotional force, their scrupulous intimation of multiple identities. Representing brilliantly the prismatic vision of a Jamaican, middle class, intellectual black woman living in America, they address the widest constituency of readers. This is a richly rewarding

collection."—Mervyn Morris Antonio Machado, a school teacher and philosopher and one of Spain's foremost poets of the twentieth century, writes of the mountains, the skies, the farms and the sentiments of his homeland clearly and without narcissism: "Just as before, I'm interested/in water held in;/ but now water in the living/rock of my chest." "Machado has vowed not to soar too much; he wants to 'go down to the hells' or stick to the ordinary," Robert Bly writes in his introduction. He brings to the ordinary—to time, to landscape and stony earth, to bean fields and cities, to events and dreams—magical sound that conveys order, penetrating

sight and attention. "The poems written while we are awake...are more original and more beautiful, and sometimes more wild than those made from dreams," Machado said. In the newspapers before and during the Spanish Civil War, he wrote of political and moral issues, and, in 1939, fled from Franco's army into the Pyrenees, dying in exile a month later. When in 1966 a bronze bust of Machado was to be unveiled in a town here he had taught school, thousands of people came in pilgrimage only to find the Civil Guard with clubs and submachine guns blocking their way. This selection of Machado's poetry, beautifully translated by Bly,

begins with the Spanish master's first book, *Times Alone*, *Passageways in the House*, and *Other Poems* (1903), and follows his work to the poems published after his death: *Poems from the Civil War* (written during 1936-1939). These beautifully illustrated books present the best of what's new in poetry for children between the ages of 5 and 13. Many of the poems were written especially for these volumes, and among the poets included are Roald Dahl, Grace Nichols, Judith Viorst, Jack Prelutsky, and David McCord. Drawings, cartoons and photographs -- mostly in color -- draw attention to every page. In *Keeping in Place*,

Mary Ricketson pays homage to the natural world she loves, securing emotions she treasures. Her identity flourishes as she longs for the end of Pandemic. On her walks, she salutes the cow, the mule, the plants, and a hemlock she tunes to Survival. -Shelby Stephenson, Poet Laureate of North Carolina, 2015-2018, author of Slavery and Freedom on Paul's Hill and More Mary Ricketson with her intense love for nature and mountain life has found a way in her book to interweave these beautiful images with the seriousness and isolation of the Corona Virus, a remarkable task to be sure. Mary stays focused on the landscape around her, as she

recovers from the virus. - Glenda Barrett, author of When the Sap Rises, and The Beauty of Silence Mary Ricketson's Keeping in Place is one of the first of a new generation of poems inspired by the global pandemic of 2020, and it invites the reader to find balance, if not solace, in the always-already sacred act of recognizing and naming what is: blueberries, loneliness, empty clotheslines before an empty house, communion with cows, an ankle that "loves near naked bone", the "go-it-alone and wish for flight" that accompany the fearful positive test result. Pandemic, we learn here, "turns eye to another beauty / sutures half lives to

each other." Observing the hemlocks struggling in the parasitic grip of the woolly adelgid, Ricketson considers what it means to be alive in each moment even while dying. The poet, like the reader, does not get to escape or transcend covid-19, but by the grace of her words, connecting poet and reader alike to the wider scope of the nonhuman, she is able to know it, name it, and live into and through it. In the face of this knowing, the poet "unfettered.../...walk[s] west and wait[s] for the sun to set", as we all must. This is the book which can help us to do it well. -Catherine Carter, author of The Memory of Gills, The Swamp Monster at Home, and

Larvae of the Nearest Stars, professor of English, Western Carolina University Keeping in Place is a collection of poems where the speaker, stricken by COVID, turns her focus to nature, drinks in the magic of the mountains and absorbs the "wisdom of walnuts." Her main companion is none other than a young cow, who wears a "yellow bell of a necktie." Solo, ill, and counting the days since she's been touched, the speaker still makes the reader chuckle after waking to a stinkbug for a lover, or being chased by a chicken. Ultimately, both the speaker and the reader grow "past first lonely, past the longings" to a new awareness of being,

brought on by the pain and forced solitude of COVID. These are poems that can be filmed, and the reader will walk away with the beauty of the natural world emblazoned on them. -Rosemary R. Royston, author of Splitting the Soil One of the most original and widely imitated poets of the twentieth century, William Carlos Williams (1883-1963) wrote verse firmly rooted in concrete experience and the particulars of everyday life. A practicing physician for more than 40 years, Williams worked in the idiom of modern American speech — unlike his friend and mentor, Ezra Pound — and his poems are redolent with a warmth and generosity of

spirit. The Beat poets were particularly impressed with the accessibility of his language, and Williams's widely quoted dictum, "No ideas but in things," influenced a generation of American poets. This fine selection offers readers the opportunity to study and enjoy the richness and variety of Williams's early work. More than 70 poems, published between 1917 and 1921, include "Peace on Earth," "Tract," "El Hombre," "Danse Russe," "Keller Gegen Dom," "Willow Poem," "Queen-Anne's-Lace," "Portrait of a Lady," "The Widow's Lament in Springtime," and many others. I have written many Concrete Visual and Shaped (CVS)

poems over the years. Most of them were designed to be broadsides or poster poems, large and impressive by their size and presence. Most of them, however, were never published commercially because the cost of the artwork and print runs were too expensive for me. It is also difficult to find printers who want to set up and run a limited edition of 500 or fewer broadside or poster poems, especially if they require careful color registration and special printing and paper. The only poem that was printed in the manner I envisioned and planned was "Lonely Nights & Wild Women Auto Poem State Four." This I printed under the

imprint of my own press, Light ☐ Gravity, which I founded in 1970. Artwork and camera-ready versions were also completed for two other poems included here, "Elbow" and "Voyageurs Metropolitains." Ten of the CVS poems in this collection were privately printed and distributed by me in 2006 in a special edition I prepared for my friends under the imprint of my own press, Light ☐ Gravity, Berkeley, California. That was their first limited public appearance. Friends who knew about these CVS poems requested that I provide copies for them, which I did. Some of the recipients of the limited edition are listed in the acknowledgements to this

edition. For the privately printed edition, individually numbered and signed, I selected ten CVS poems that I created and designed entirely myself, and provided a brief history and background for each poem and an essay on "How to Read," which I have also included here. This commercial edition includes four additional poems previously published in my other books of poems, but which I think important to add to this collection of my CVS poems. Stands Alone, Faces, and Other Poems, Patrick LeBeau's first collection, is a self-reflective work on identity, ancestry, and family relationships voiced in three

parts. "Stands Alone," the first voice heard, is the singular "he" -- an entity lost in a sea of loneliness, loneliness that freezes growth and stagnates creativity. It places the self in a dizzy reality of emotions and knee-jerk reactions, cut off from the community. "He" wanders, seeking connections to land and community, but often finding confusion and despair and, occasionally, clarity and humor. Alone, he fends alone and suffers decisions made with only his counsel. The voice in part two moves the "he" to embrace community and a place of identity exploration and discovery. A language is learned. A language of stories

that enables him to link his own personal history to a larger Native community and experience. Through this found relationship with ancestry and family, "he" becomes receptive to spiritual teachings and cultural practices. Part three sets "he" free to consolidate the "pieces" of his memories and experiences into one large creative net of experimentation and form. Desiring inclusion of personal history and reflections regardless of notions of good or bad, positive or negative, "he" finally settles on a skin he can live with and within. Since its debut on YouTube, Tanya Davis's beautiful and perceptive poem "How to Be Alone," visually realized by

artist and filmmaker Andrea Dorfman, has become an international sensation. In this edition of *How to Be Alone*, they have adapted the poem and its compelling illustrations for the page in a beautiful, meditative volume—a keepsake to treasure and to share. From a solitary walk in the woods to sitting unaccompanied on a city park bench to eating a meal and even dancing alone, *How to Be Alone*, reveals the possibilities and joys waiting to be discovered when we engage in activities on our own. As she soothes the disquietude that accompanies the fear of aloneness, and celebrates the power of solitude to change how we see ourselves and the

world, Tanya reveals how, removed from the noise and distractions of other lives, we can find acceptance and grace within. For those who have never been by themselves or those who embrace being on their own, *How to Be Alone* encourages us to recognize and embrace the possibilities of being alone—and reminds us of a universe of joy, peace, and discovery waiting to unfold. Another remarkable collection of poetry from one of America's masters of the medium. The first part gathers together poems of love and nostalgic memory, while Part II portrays confrontations inherent in a racist society. Originally published in hardcover in 2021

by Aladdin. "These poems explore place, family of origin, and fractured time through expansive lines and settings that challenge a reader's sense of perception. A finalist for the 2020 Miller Williams Poetry Prize, this work was selected by series editor Billy Collins"--Featuring 118 contributions from 57 writers in 26 countries, with many of the contributions reflecting the diverse backgrounds and cultures of the writers, and all writing in their own unique style, *LONELY - A Collection of Poetry and Prose on Loneliness and Being Alone*, is an extraordinary, unique and eclectic mixture of both traditional and modern verse,

and short prose, from writers around the world. Focusing on just about every aspect of loneliness and being alone, and covering topics as diverse as old age, bereavement, abandonment, divorce, entrapment, unrequited love, depression, trauma, failure and addiction, as well as the more abstract and esoteric, *LONELY* is already being acclaimed worldwide for its diversity and mix of writers and styles. Richard Thomas Gallienne was born in Liverpool on 20th January, 1866. His first job was in an accountant's office, but this was quickly abandoned to pursue his first love as a professional writer. His first work, *My Ladies' Sonnets*, was

published in 1887. In 1889 he became, for a brief time, literary secretary to Wilson Barrett the manager, actor, and playwright. Barrett enjoyed immense success with the staging of melodramas, which would later reach a peak with the historical tragedy *The Sign of the Cross* (1895). Le Gallienne joined the staff of *The Star* newspaper in 1891, and also wrote for various other papers under the pseudonym 'Logroller'. He contributed to the short-lived but influential quarterly periodical *The Yellow Book*, published between 1894 and 1897. His first wife, Mildred Lee, died in 1894 leaving their daughter, Hesper, in his care.

In 1897 he married the Danish journalist Julie Norregard. However, the marriage would not be a success. She left him in 1903 and took their daughter Eva to live in Paris. They were eventually divorced in June 1911. Le Gallienne now moved to the United States and became resident there. On 27th October 1911, he married Mrs. Irma Perry, whose marriage to her first cousin, the painter and sculptor Roland Hinton Perry, had been dissolved in 1904. Le Gallienne and Irma had known each other for many years and had written an article together a few years earlier in 1906. Le Gallienne and Irma lived in Paris from the late 1920s, where Irma's daughter Gwen

was by then an established figure in the expatriate bohème. Le Gallienne also added a regular newspaper column to the frequent publication of his poems, essays and other articles. By 1930 Le Gallienne's book publishing career had virtually ceased. During the latter years of that decade Le Gallienne lived in Menton on the French Riviera and, during the war years, in nearby Monaco. His house was commandeered by German troops and his handsome library was nearly sent back to Germany as bounty. Le Gallienne managed a successful appeal to a German officer in Monaco which allowed him to return to

Menton to collect his books. To his credit Le Gallienne refused to write propaganda for the local German and Italian authorities, and financially was often in dire need. On one occasion he collapsed in the street due to hunger. Richard Thomas Gallienne died on 15th September 1947. He is buried in Menton in a grave whose lease is, at present, due to expire in 2023. In his first collection of poems, many of which were written during his years as a US Army Special Forces medic, Graham Barnhart explores themes of memory, trauma, and isolation. Ranging from conventional lyrics and narrative verse to prose poems and expressionist

forms, the poems here display a strange, quiet power as Barnhart engages in the pursuit and recognition of wonder, even while concerned with whether it is right to do so in the fraught space of the war zone. We follow the speaker as he treads the line between duty and the horrors of war, honor and compassion for the victims of violence, and the struggle to return to the daily life of family and society after years of trauma. Evoking the landscapes and surroundings of war, as well as its effects on both US military service members and civilians in war-stricken countries, *The War Makes Everyone Lonely* is a challenging, nuanced look at

the ways American violence is exported, enacted, and obscured by a writer poised to take his place in the long tradition of warrior-poets. "The classic Wordsworth poem is depicted in vibrant illustrations, perfect for pint-sized poetry fans." A brilliant and unsparing examination of America in the early twenty-first century, Claudia Rankine's *Don't Let Me Be Lonely* invents a new genre to confront the particular loneliness and rapacious assault on selfhood that our media have inflicted upon our lives. Fusing the lyric, the essay, and the visual, Rankine negotiates the enduring anxieties of medicated depression, race

riots, divisive elections, terrorist attacks, and ongoing wars—doom scrolling through the daily news feeds that keep us glued to our screens and that have come to define our age. First published in 2004, *Don't Let Me Be Lonely* is a hauntingly prescient work, one that has secured a permanent place in American literature. This new edition is presented in full color with updated visuals and text, including a new introduction by the author, and matches the composition of Rankine's best-selling and award-winning *Citizen* and *Just Us* as the first book in her acclaimed American trilogy. *Don't Let Me Be Lonely* is a crucial guide to surviving a

fractured and fracturing American consciousness—a book of rare and vital honesty, complexity, and presence. Life's testimony in poetry is a book that comes from the heart of a man. His life experiences, manifesting themselves in words. This book was written for everyone who has ever felt lonely. Poems that will take its readers on a journey that shows, hurt, pain, growth, faith, and victory. Everyday situations that we all have faced. Inspirational, uplifting, motivational, helpful and true emotions. Visual. Mentally caressing, passages giving emotional understanding, and enlightenment to anyone that will listen. Life's testimony in

poetry is the first of its kind. I pray that, there are as many blessings in the reading of this book as there was in its creation. May God Bless. A new collection from the world-renowned lyricist Acclaimed American poet James Ragan begins this newest collection of poems by asking whether “a rope could swing us / long and light across a widening trough / of all that fails us in our lives.” With these very first lines, Ragan draws readers into his world of vivid metaphor and evocative imagery, a world tinged with an aching sense of loss born of “a mind bereaved by solitude.” Yet if Ragan needs solitude to construct his poems, we are inspired to join him. In

Too Long a Solitude, he takes us on far-flung journeys from equatorial jungles to Arctic icebergs and from heartbreaking loneliness to ecstatic human connection. Readers become travelers, with Ragan their insightful guide. "Ragan's fine-grained poems move us through a remarkable range of total dexterity," says poet C. K. Williams, and a strong streak of Wordsworthian nature-worship runs through the book. In "Bowling Trees," this contemporary lyricist sings of saplings tending "to their ground as if the space were an altar." His itinerant attention focuses in turn on the hills of London, rural roads in Belgium, and a garden wall in Vienna.

Some journeys have the specificity of a scene witnessed (a Paris alley that might have entranced Picasso); others are journeys of the mind (a ride caught on an ice floe heading north out of Hudson Bay). Too Long a Solitude migrates from isolation to communion. Beginning alone on an iceberg, we eventually find ourselves at one with a lover in a moonlit vale. As solitude lifts and the journey ends, the poet finds he need no longer travel to find solace. But we're glad, all the same, to have shared the journey with him. Seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0,

University of Erfurt (Sprachwissenschaft), course: Romanticism, language: English, abstract: William Wordsworth is known as one of the most influential English Romantic Poet. Born in the year 1770 in Cockermouth, a beautiful landscape of the English Lake District, his whole life and work was characterized by the love of nature. Yet in his early ages he and his beloved sister Dorothy were taught important poetry of Shakespeare and Milton by their rarely present father. William was treated harsh by his relatives, when he had to stay at his mother's home in Penrith as a teenager, but as a result he found comfort,

tranquility and happiness in exploring the beauty of the nature on his own. In the first years of the 1790s he visited France and was impressed by the revolutionary force of the Republican movement. During his stay he fell in love with Annett Vallon, a French woman and got a daughter with her. Due to the developing British-French war, he had to leave France soon and saw Anett and their daughter seldom again, but always stayed in contact with them. In 1793 Wordsworth wrote the first version of the so-called manifesto of English Romantic Criticism: the 'Preface to Lyrical Ballads' with "experimental" poems. Together with his friend, the

poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, he produced the first of four editions of 'Lyrical Ballads' in the year 1798. In this central Romantic work, he defines poetry as "the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings from emotions recollected in tranquility.". Read these poems in the times you feel lonely, when the warm blanket is unable to provide you the comfort that you are used to. Read these poems when you feel anxious, when even little thoughts feel like the weight of the world is upon you. Read these poems in the times you feel most vulnerable. Read these poems and know that you are not alone in your loneliness. A volume of top-

selected and original works by the 2008 Pulitzer winner for poetry explores the American immigrant experience and Jewish identity through evocations of family and urban life as well as the author's confrontations with feelings of failure and loss. This collection of poems honors the Everyday: a mother's birthday, a grandparent's passing, a broken heart, the students she advocates for and supports in their own artistic quests. Sailing Alone Around the Room, by America's Poet Laureate, Billy Collins, contains both new poems and a generous gathering from his earlier collections The Apple That Astonished Paris,

Questions About Angels, The Art of Drowning, and Picnic, Lightning. These poems show Collins at his best, performing the kinds of distinctive poetic maneuvers that have delighted and fascinated so many readers. They may begin in curiosity and end in grief; they may start with irony and end with lyric transformation; they may, and often do, begin with the everyday and end in the infinite. Possessed of a unique voice that is at once plain and melodic, Billy Collins has managed to enrich American poetry while greatly widening the circle of its audience. An epic journey through the varying thoughts of a young man, Every Lonely Night: and

other poems leads you on a personal, yet universal, saga of love, betrayal and life and its meaning. Many people experience love on a daily basis, but often ignore and fail to acknowledge it. Many of Vee Bdos's poems originated from requests by people on the Internet to write them a poem. The resulting poetry received as gifts and read by husbands, wives, boyfriends, and at weddings and even at a funeral. "Love Poetry" takes you from a baby's laugh and smile to a girl's first kiss. From first kiss to marriage, to the failing of love and the tragedy of divorce and being alone. From the loneliness of older adults and their final breath, to

the one great love, "Love Poetry" explores love's every facet. Simon Peter Esaku has introduced a reader friendly style in poetry in Lonely Thoughts: Poems about Life. His poems are easy to read, interesting, entertaining, educational and relevant. He treats the reader to various ingredients of poetry and with varied themes, makes him or her identify with situations. The author draws his inspiration from personal experiences, observation and imagination. He is a blend of talent and school and university skills in poetry. Exposure from his work travels and journalism skills have added to the smoothness of his

poems. Esaku is a journalist, photographer and author with World Vision in Kampala since 1997. His work writing news stories, features and books for the international NGO has taken him to most parts of Uganda and to the Dem. Rep. of Congo, Kenya, South Africa and Thailand. His stories and photos in magazines and websites abroad have raised millions of dollars for World Vision working in over 100 countries and employing 41,000 staff. Esaku is considered one of the best writers and photographers in the organisation. Previously, the author worked for the Ministry of Information as a features writer. He won the

prize for the best AIDS features writer in Uganda in 1992. The Commonwealth Trust awarded him a four-month study tour in the UK in 1993. Simon Peter Esaku was born in Kateta sub-county in today's Serere district in Eastern Uganda in 1957. He's the second born of eleven children of Mislam Atolong and Margaret Acobo. He attended Sebei College Tegeres for his O Level (1971-1974) and Boroboro Secondary School for A Level (1975-1976) where he studied History, Economics and Literature including poetry. In his first year in Makerere University in 1977, Esaku studied History, Political Science and Literature with

poetry. He graduated in B.A Political Science and Public Administration in 1980. He trained in journalism in Uganda and in West Germany at the International Institute for Journalism. Now he is studying M.A in Mass Communication at Makerere University. This collection of 129 poems by Marlene Hitt (b. 1936) was written over a period of almost 40 years. The first Poet Laureate of Sunland-Tujunga, a member of Chuparosa Poets, Village Poets, and other poetry groups, Marlene Hitt practiced her writing in near isolation from the "official" poetry world, while dedicating her time to the local community, as a historian, poet, and activist.

She was the first Poet Laureate of Sunland Tujunga, member of the Village Poets, and co-editor of our 10th anniversary anthology *We Are here: Village Poets Anthology*" (2020). This book is a fruit of her poetic insights, her gifts of keen observation, reflection, and vivid expression. In 2015, Moonrise Press published "Clocks and Water Drops," Hitt's first full-length poetry volume. The current collection reprints some of these poems, and gathers other work scattered in various publications over the years. But there are plenty of poems here that never saw the light of the day and are here to enlighten and inspire us. Alice Pero

assisted Marlene in selecting poems from thousands of pages and arranging them into seven chapters with distinct moods, ending with an euphonious title poem "Yellow Tree Alone," that shines with the gold leaves of Marlene's unique talent. This poetry collection by the acclaimed author of *Citizen* presents an "inexhaustibly complex, varied, and . . . grimly inventive" meditation on maternity (*Verse*). In Claudia Rankine's *Plot*, an expectant mother, Liv, and her husband, Erland, find themselves propelled into one of our most basic plots: boy loves girl, girl gets pregnant. Liv's respect for life, however, makes her reluctant to bring a new life

into the world. The couple's electrifying journey is charted through dreams, conversations, and reflections. A text like no other, it crosses genres, existing at times in poetry, at times in dialogue and prose, in order to arrive at new life and baby Ersatz. This stunning, avant-garde performance enacts what it means to be human, and to invest in humanity. "Plot moves as in a picaresque novel, in which the body schemes and frightens, accompanied by Claudia Rankine's instinct for poetic surprise." —Barbara Guest, poet and author of *Herself Defined* Best-known as a musician and a spoken-word performer, poet Tanya Davis

has now taken to the page with *At First, Lonely*. In this collection, she reflects on life's many passages: falling in love and out, the search for personal truth, the search for home. Davis's style is one-of-a-kind: a blend of contemporary phrasing with profound personal expression. But her message is universal; over two million people have watched *How to Be Alone*, a film adaptation of her poem created by independent filmmaker Andrea Dorfman. Tanya Davis' poetry challenges the intellect and touches deep places in the heart. Poetic Inspiration can come from many sources--pastoral settings, a beautiful sunset, an autumn forest, or

waves breaking upon a tropical beach. Such are the obvious sources. For Jesse Preston, however, his inspiration was a gift from God found behind prison walls. This selection of Kim Seung-hee's most recent poems is drawn half from her ninth collection, *Hope is Lonely*, and half from her tenth collection, *Croaker on a Chopping Board*. Focusing on humanity's utter fragility through, among others, the themes of death, hope, depression and love, often seen through the lens of sorrowful womanhood, these poems, be they modernist or romantic in idiom, also comment on political and social issues, and Korean society and culture in

general. Brother Anthony's deeply sensitive translation, and his informative preface, make the work of this major Korean poet available for the first time in the UK. A literary sanctuary for what Shakespeare called "sessions of sweet silent thought," this exquisite gathering of poems speaks to the consolations of solitude. Here is Wordsworth wandering "lonely as a cloud"; Poe confiding "all I loved, I loved alone"; Yeats's communion with "the deep heart's core"; and Han Shan's heart of a hermit, "clean as a white lotus." From Sir Edward Dyer's "My Mind to Me a Kingdom Is," to the spiritual searching of the

Transcendentalists, to the meditative verse of Jorie Graham, some of the most indelible poems from every time and culture have grown out of the aloneness inherent in the poet's art. The poems collected here, whether reflecting on the soul or on nature, addressing an absent loved one, or honoring the self, form a book of respite and contemplation, and a beautiful tribute to the interior life. Charles Bukowski examines cats and his childhood in *You Get So Alone at Times*, a book of poetry that reveals his tender side. The iconic tortured artist/everyman delves into his youth to analyze its repercussions. "The Walt

Whitman of Los Angeles."—Joyce Carol Oates
"He brought everybody down to earth, even the angels."—Leonard Cohen, songwriter

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