CONTENTS

Preface	<i>page</i> xi
EDWIN MUIR (1887–1959)	
The Wayside Station	3
The Little General	4
The Transmutation	
In Love for Long	4 5
The Labyrinth	5 6
The Transfiguration	8
The Combat	9
The Good Town	11
One Foot in Eden	14
The Horses	14
'I see the image'	16
HUGH MACDIARMID (1892-)	
The Glen of Silence	19
Third Hymn to Lenin	20
Ballad of Aun, King of Sweden	28
Scotland Small?	28
The Glass of Pure Water	29
Facing the Chair	32
Bracken Hills in Autumn	32
from 'In Memoriam James Joyce'	34
ROBERT GRAVES (1895-)	
Mid-Winter Waking	37
The Glutton	37
The Door	38
Through Nightmare	38
She Tells Her Love While Half Asleep	39
To Juan at the Winter Solstice	39
The Survivor	40
Counting the Beats	41
Questions in a Wood	41
Dialogue on the Headland	42
Spoils	43

Call It a Good Marriage	page	44
The Face in the Mirror		45
The Visitation		45
Hedges Freaked with Snow		46
Song: Dew-Drop and Diamond		46
Fact of the Act		46
Within Reason		47
WILLIAM EMPSON (1906-)		
To an Old Lady		50
Camping Out		51
Arachne		51
Letter 1		52
Legal Fiction		53
This Last Pain		53
Homage to the British Museum		54
Aubade		55
Ignorance of Death		56
Missing Dates		57
Just a Smack at Auden		58
Let it go		59
DYLAN THOMAS (1914–1953)		
After the funeral		62
A Refusal to Mourn the Death, by Fire,		
of a Child in London		63
Poem in October		64
The Hunchback in the Park		66
Do not go gentle into that good night		67
Fern Hill		68
In country sleep		70
Over Sir John's hill		73
In the white giant's thigh		75
Lament		77
In my Craft or Sullen Art		79
PHILIP LARKIN (1922-)		
Church Going		81
Lines on a Young Lady's Photograph Album		83
Toads		84

CONTENTS	ix
Toads Revisited	page 85
Mr Bleaney	86
Love Songs in Age	87
The Whitsun Weddings	- 88
Ambulances	90
Reference Back	91
Afternoons	92
Vers de Société	93
The Explosion	94
The Building	95
CHARLES TOMLINSON (1927-)	
The Crane	98
Steel: the night shift	. 99
The Gossamers	99
The Weathercocks	100
Swimming Chenango Lake	101
Prometheus	102
Assassin	103
Against Extremity	105
The Fox Gallery	106
On Water	106
Mackinnon's Boat	107
The Compact: At Volterra	110
Over Elizabeth Bridge	III
During Rain	112
The Way In	113
THOM GUNN (1929–)	
The Wound	117
On the Move	118
Vox Humana	119
In Santa Maria Del Popolo	120
The Byrnies	121
My Sad Captains The Goddess	122
Touch	122
	123
Pierce Street	125
Rites of Passage	126
The Messenger	127
Sunlight	127

TED HUGHES (1930–)	
Roarers in a Ring	<i>page</i> 130
Hawk Roosting	132
An Otter	132
Second Glance at a Jaguar	134
Gog	135
Skylarks	137
A Childish Prank	140
Song for a Phallus	141
Lovesong	· 144
Song of Woe	145
SYLVIA PLATH (1932–1963)	
Tulips	148
Berck-Plage	150
Lesbos	155
The Bee Meeting	158
Daddy	160
Lady Lazarus	162
Notes to the Poems	167
Index of First Lines	247