Contents

Ι	
Enmeshed with Time: The Sixteenth Century	3
Forays against the Republic: Whitman	15
Responsibilities: Contemporary Poetry and August Kleinzahler	22
Three Hard Women: H.D., Marianne Moore, and Mina Loy	33
What the Slowworm Said: Eliot, Pound, and Bunting	53
As If Startled Awake: The Poetry of Janet Lewis	66
Weedy Speech and Tangled Bank: Lorine Niedecker	74
Out of the Box: Elizabeth Bishop	77
Small Persistent Difficulties: Robert Creeley	87
Living in the Present: Donald Hall	96
A Record: Allen Ginsberg's Poetry	102
Surefire Diver: Jack Sharpless	116
Fever in the Morning: Jim Powell	121
II. Two Essays on Robert Duncan	
The High Road: A Last Collection	129

Adventurous Song: Robert Duncan as Romantic Modernist	143
III	
Christopher Isherwood: Getting Things Right	173
On a Drying Hill: Yvor Winters	197
Two Saturday Nights: Rewriting a Poem	213
An Anglo-American Poet: Interview with Jim Powell	218