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Cambridge, England, 3 January Hitchcock in divorced , one daughter; 2 Mark Elvin in divorced , two sons; 3 Michael Farley divorced ; 4 Peter Lucas in Publications Living in America. Ann Arbor, Michigan, Generation Press, Middletown, Connecticut, Wesleyan University Press, A Family History in Letters. London, Oxford University Press, A Morden Tower Reading 3. Newcastle upon Tyne , Morden Tower, Richmond, Surrey, Keepsake Press, Sonnets for Five Seasons. Hereford, Five Seasons Press, Minute by Glass Minute. Oxford, Oxford University Press, Green Mountain, Black Mountain. Boston, Rowan Tree Press, Loughton, Essex, Piatkus, Oxford, Pisces Press, Durham, Taxus Press, Oxford, Inky Parrot Press, Four and a Half Dancing Men. The Collected Poems of Anne Stevenson, "Once upon a Time This Morning. New York, Greenwillow Books, Correspondences, ; Child of Adam, New York, Twayne, ; London, Collins, A Life of Sylvia Plath. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, and London, Viking, Five Looks at Elizabeth Bishop. Between the Iceberg and the Ship: Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, Editor, Selected Poems, by Frances Bellerby. London, Enitharmon Press, Editor, The Poetry Book Society. Each of my collections, I suspect, represents a chapter in a quest for a poetry both personal and responsible, at once truthful, passionate, and carefully crafted. In the s I was questioning the assumptions I had grown up with: I emerged into the near nihilism of Enough of Green when I was living in Oxford and then rejected academia for the visionary release of Minute by Glass Minute in the Welsh border country. For a time I considered myself to be a "religious poet," but ultimately I decided the attractions of absolute belief were a delusion. The Fiction-Makers is a set of variations on a theme by Shakespeare-cum-Bentham: Writing a biography of Sylvia Plath convinced me that poetry today is at a turning point. Nostalgic wistfulness, individual self-pity, political idealism, angst, fury, vindictiveness, all the emotional magnets of the romantics, are, in the last analysis, fictions. They have been replaced in poetry, in the twentieth century, chiefly by abstract experiment with language, which, of course, is starvation fare for poets. The Other House is an attempt at a new departure; it is a slender book of poems, but I like to think it makes its peace with language and that it finally turns away from the mirrors of self-interest and begins to look out the window. The correspondence of physical and moral landscapes has recurred throughout her work, whether the "landscape without regrets" of the Sierra Nevada Reversals , the modest frugality of Cambridge and the Fens , or the isolation and asperity of the northeast coast of Scotland, which is the setting for most of the poems in Enough of Green. A Family History in Letters traces years in the life of the Chandler family on both sides of the Atlantic. In the last letter of the volume the fictitious poetess Kay Boyd writes to her father from London of her flight from the United States: The "correspondences" of the title are in one sense those between the unsustainable poetic project and the unimaginable magnitude of America. But in the letters themselves new correspondences emerge as successive generations live through corresponding dilemmas, flights, and returns, sometimes unwittingly using the same language to describe their plights. Kay Boyd, having the last word in the book, makes it clear that this is a price worth paying. Travelling behind Glass attempts to justify this peripatetic living as a conscious moral choice. The theme of renunciation is reiterated in Enough of Green. This volume makes it clear that it is precisely the green world of the senses "love grown rank as seeding grass" that has to be renounced in favor of the steely, ascetic discipline of an art that has replaced the Christian God as taskmaster. What makes the Scottish landscape so attractive is its sense of life as stress and erosion, an attrition that uncovers the essential contours of a mind and a place. The former is revealed in those poems that speak of love as the "remorseless joy of dereliction" "Ragwort" , a song made out of deprivation and loss; the latter appears in a poem such as "Theme with Variations," with its cool worldliness. Minute by Glass Minute uses landscape as the embodiment of contrary impulses. The sequence at its heart, "Green Mountain, Black Mountain," contrasts the cold, green mountains of Vermont, where Stevenson spent her childhood, with the "lusher Black Mountains of South Wales rich in history and myth, but new to me " of later residence. In part an elegy for her American parents, it speculates on the dialectical tension of Old and New Worlds, puritan and hedonistic impulses, a landscape threaded with history compared

with one still apparently inviolate. The landscapes of the volume are damp, bedrizzled, and misted, and even summer is "steamy" with wet. Weather gets in the way of an eye that wants simplicity and transparency of meanings. In one poem Stevenson charges Blake with romantic obfuscation:

2: Picture the Poet - Anne Stevenson

Anne Stevenson's The Collected Poems brings together forty years of her best poetry, including Correspondences, Living in America, Reversals, Traveling Behind Glass, Enough of Green, Minute by Glass Minute, The Fiction Makers, and Four and a Half Dancing Men. Well known in the United States and.

Share via Email Lyrical poet and controversial Plath biographer: In fact, the Deep is a very good place to start. Stevenson lives at the top of one of the steepest hills in Durham, and does much of her writing in north Wales, but her work and demeanour speak strongly of her New England origins. One can sense the puritan influence in the poems, which are as meticulously crafted as pieces of Shaker furniture. One can sense it in her conversation, which is forthright, economical and even-handed, and even see it in her haircut, unchanged from adolescence. The story of how a major American poet came to settle, almost unnoticed, in the north-east of England is convoluted, involving four marriages, 15 volumes of poetry and many Atlantic crossings. For those unfamiliar with her poems, she is perhaps best known as author of *Bitter Fame*, the acclaimed biography of her contemporary, Plath. A celebratory volume, published in honour of her 70th year, attracted tributes from virtually every leading figure of the poetry establishment, yet her talent has often been eclipsed. She would be the most notable literary alumnus of the University of Michigan, were it not for Arthur Miller; the foremost American woman poet of her generation, were it not for Plath. Today she might enjoy a far greater profile among the poetry-reading public were it not for her indifference to self-promotion on the literary circuit. I never wanted to be a pop star. She has suffered acute, progressive hearing loss, which makes her increasingly uncomfortable in large groups, though her response to her disability has been typically pragmatic. She summed up the experience in a pithy, four-line poem, "On Going Deaf": Why should I care? Searching myself, I find a spare. I keep that sixth sense in repair And set it deftly, like a snare. We always played chamber music as a family. My sister and I knew every Beethoven sonata note for note. Father, who ran downstairs as I practised the piano; barefooted, buttoning his shirt, he shouted "G, D-natural, C-flat! Put all the griefs of the world in that change of key. He built his career around his other great passion, philosophy. They married in , after he graduated from Yale and she from Wooster College, Ohio, where her mother had been one of the first American women to go to college. In a house on Midsummer Common, on January 3 , Anne was born; barely six months later her father enrolled at Harvard graduate school and the family set sail for the other Cambridge, establishing the pattern of shuttling across the Atlantic that Stevenson was to follow for the rest of her life. She spent her first six years in Boston, until the family including a sister, Diana, two years her junior moved again to New Haven, where Steve took up a lecturing position at Yale. Stevenson recalls that, even from an early age, having a philosopher for a father was a special distinction: My class instructor looked a bit taken aback, and asked if I meant that he was a teacher. So I puffed myself up and said: Though now acknowledged as a landmark, the book prompted his dismissal from the philosophy faculty at Yale. In "Arioso Dolente", Stevenson pays tribute to: My mother was an extremely creative woman - she wrote novels that she never published - but ultimately she diverted all her creative energies into the work of art she was determined to make of her family. She took piano lessons from a former pupil of Prokofiev, and made elaborate plans for her discovery: I really did sneak in in my nightclothes, with a candle. In the end it was probably just as well that the organ loft was locked. Steve took up an associate professorship at the University of Michigan, while Anne attended the university high school. It was here, in 10th grade, that she wrote her first real poem: Real poems have mostly arrived unbidden like this ever since: In , she enrolled in the music school of the University of Michigan, majoring in the cello. I could have stuck it out, and practised eight hours a day, but I withdrew as I could not settle for being no more than mediocre. Her search coincided with the reappearance of Robin Hitchcock, an Englishman who had lived with the family in New Haven as an evacuee during the second world war. Meeting again as young adults appealed to her sense of narrative. She found the country "cold and shabby and tired after the war. Robin was a businessman, a risk-taker, especially with money. I was very attracted by that. But ultimately he had no interest in the arts whatsoever. A young Tennessean, Lucas Myers, lived in the former chicken shed at the bottom of the garden, and occasionally provided shelter for his

friend, Ted Hughes. It was at its launch party that Hughes met Plath. Stevenson felt the extreme frustration of realising a poetic revolution was taking place without her. I lacked the courage and the self-confidence to argue. Her mother had suppressed her creative ambitions to bring up a family, and Stevenson was determined not to make the same sacrifice. This was where I met a white donkey and became convinced that it embodied the soul of Yeats. We communed for a while, and I came away determined that I should cut away from any life that precluded the writing of poetry. Here she fell under the influence of the poet and teacher Donald Hall, who restored her damaged sense of confidence in herself as a person and as a poet. Yet, with a strange sense of circularity, the next person she fell in love with was an Englishman and a friend of the family, the brilliant sinologist, Mark Elvin. They married, had two sons John, born and Charles born and moved to Britain, where Elvin held teaching posts in Cambridge, Glasgow and Oxford. Stevenson held a fellowship at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and began to meet and mix with a generation of younger poets, one of whom was Motion. She was instrumental in getting my first collection, *The Pleasure Steamers*, off the ground. We found a wavelength because she was interested, as I was, in expanding the scope of lyric poetry, and we had long discussions as to what a lyric poem might be. A historical saga of a New England family in letters, prose and verse - she fondly refers to it as "my 19th-century novel - the poem was pieced together painfully over two, tempestuous years in which her marriage to Elvin foundered. It is a heartfelt farewell to her mother, who died of cancer in , and also the poem with which she "finally cut the umbilical cord to the America my parents taught me to believe in": So I cry and cry and then wish there were some way to justify the release of it. Something that calls out of things. Nostalgia for expended generations. Her second marriage over, Stevenson met, and was briefly married to Michael Farley, a poet 15 years her junior. The drama of this intense, competitive relationship was played out in the literary town of Hay-on-Wye, where they attempted, with fitting irony, to establish a poetry bookshop in a former morgue. Looking back on it, it seems as if we behaved like naughty children on holiday from school. We once received a government grant to bring over a group of Yugoslav poets, which we thought was a marvellously progressive idea. I had no understanding that the Serbs would not get on with the Croats, and the Bosnians would not get along with anybody. The only way to resolve the political differences was to spend the entire grant on brandy. In she married the Darwin scholar Peter Lucas "my last marriage", she says emphatically and commenced work on *Bitter Fame*, believing that "a quiet, new grandmotherly chapter of my life was about to begin". I was an uncompromising, difficult person to live with - and hopeless with the children. But I would never have got married three times if it had seemed socially acceptable to live with a partner first. It was the first Plath study to apportion equal blame in the failure of the relationship with Hughes. Plath scholars were outraged - one rival biographer declared it the worst book she had ever read. John Lucas recalls the time as "a disaster for Anne - that book cost her far more than the three years of her life she took to write it". Stevenson has written that "with the publication of *Birthday Letters*, it was as if the literary world suddenly woke up to find the balance between the two poets restored". It has remained, however, a source of deep frustration to Stevenson that her notoriety as a biographer should overshadow her achievement as a poet. In a valedictory poem, "Letter to Sylvia Plath", she hails her contemporary as "the fiercest poet of our time", but concludes: They were both bold, New England women who came to make a name for themselves as poets in this country, at the same time as struggling to bring up a family. And you could say that Anne was the stronger and more successful of the two - she survived. I felt that those two volumes constituted one such period, which seemed to be a summation of everything I had to say. As one ages one acquires the ability to perceive the world with an increased sense of perspective. It becomes increasingly evident that one is not, after all, the centre of the universe. She has also made several attempts at fiction. Her son John is a biochemist, while Charles has travelled widely and works in personnel. She has four grandchildren. Recently, she has written about the experience of ageing with a candour and honesty unparalleled in contemporary poetry. There is a sense that she has been out of the country too long. She is subtle and profound, with a quiet grace of spirit, yet these qualities necessarily make her a poet for a smallish audience. The New England part of me is the best part - puritan values: January 3 , Cambridge.

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Whom do they sing for? These stanzas work because they are so musical; and Stevenson is, like Donald Justice, like Howard Nemerov, capable of an especially pure and sustained musicality. The music hits its sweetest pitch just at the crucial image, with its repetition of liquids and sibilants: Always the same green clamouring fells you that wakes you, And you have to start living again when it wakes you. The Copernican revolution was an extended and painful revelation of a bifurcated and superimposed reality, in which the imagined view from the sun could never wholly be reconciled with the view from earth, where the sun still rises at dawn and sinks at sunset. In "Swifts" it is the onset of spring again, a season that attracts Stevenson perhaps because it is a time of shocking transformations. Spring comes little, a little. All April it rains. The new leaves stick in their fists; new ferns still fiddleheads. But one day the swifts are back. Sure enough, bolt nocks bow to carry one sky-scyther Two hundred miles an hour across fullblown windfields. The next day, a fleet of high crosses cruises in ether. These are the air pilgrims, pilots of air rivers. The poet no longer watches the swifts but becomes one of them, telling "a legend of swifts, a parable," that explains why the doom and the gift must accompany each other: The Great Raven proposes to the swifts, "I will give you the sky. The grace to say they live in another firmament. A way to say the miracle will not occur, The redoubling is that of double vision, the view from earth and the view from heaven superimposed and yet irreconcilable, as in the heady writings of Copernicus and Descartes that induced a cultural vertigo, which four hundred years later still spins us all around. And what comes in at the eye also comes in at the ear: As we have seen, the same strategy organizes "Waving to Elizabeth," an elegy as much about poetry as it is about friendship. The poet is both mapmaker and traveler, the earthbound wonderer looking up and the wanderer looking back. Jetstreams write across the sky, their determinate lines dissolving into clouds as necessity dissolves into freedom, as the discipline of gathering empirical evidence is loosened in the free play of speculation. Again, what Stevenson writes about Bishop could very well be said of herself: Yet the miles between us, though measurable, seem unreal. The geography looks wonderful! It is so hard to hold on to the question, to live with the ambiguity, that the poet may be tempted as Chaucer was in his dream visions to treat the unreconcilables as phantasms; then reality becomes a crossroads for ghosts or, in the more modern formulation, a play of phenomena. Stevenson sometimes takes this tack: An example of this is "Meniscus," a finely honed poem that lays out four incompatible definitions for the word meniscus and then hovers above them, unwilling to spill over into decision or to gather together the dispersed semantic field. The moon at its two extremes, promise and reminiscence, future and past succeeding each other, the rim of a continuous event. These eyes which contain the moon in the suspect lens of an existence, guiding it from crescent to crescent as from mirror to distorting mirror. The good bones sheathed in my skin, the remarkable knees and elbows working without audible complaint in the salty caves of their fitting. My cup overflowed at the brim and beyond the belief of the brim, absolved by the power of the lip In this mode, lost love is merely lost and carries off present or promising loves with it because they must all be illusory; the apparent is only hiding its hiddenness; the constant is only an artificially arrested moment in flux; life is only a ghost story. But you see the place still stands there, pretty as new. Whatever she thought the mountain and trees would do, Likewise in "Night Walking with Shadows" and in "Trinity at Low Tide" people are reduced down to their own shadows: Under you, transparent yet exact, your downward ghost keeps pace pure image, cleansed of human overtones: All blame is packed into that black, featureless third trick of light that copies you However Stevenson only sometimes stops there. Like Chaucer she ranges far beyond phenomenalism in her best, most resonant, wisest poems, which assert their double vision and the vigorous existence of all the incompatibles, however hard it is to entertain them all at once. The great, unstated trauma that lies behind the poem "Swifts" is that she has lost her everyday domestic life with her two sons, only seeing them on holidays. She imagines her sons on the bus back from the summer spent with her in Wales, looking at their own reflections in the windows as they gaze over harvested yellow

fields, Little straw-built cities, movable dolmens, they look solid enough to believe in, stacked in bales. I carry my wound back upright in the car as if its grief could spill. Cicero, Polonius—thistles preaching their beards to their blown seed. Solid enough to believe. Every week, every year is a stage of letting the child move into its own rationality and freedom, its own adult loves, another life. Some solace exists in the thought that loving renunciation allows the child to return freely later in life, and yet the asymmetry in the relation of parent to child still remains, for there is a sense in which the parent remains perpetually in bondage to the child. Bishop often writes of her childhood to consider these questions of freedom and bondage, or, as Spinoza would put it, truth. Stevenson typically takes her own children, or the season of spring with its multiple children, as subjects in similar meditations; she is on the whole much more interested in life than in death. Then she is not alone but part of the premises of everything there is: When we belong to the world The nonnegotiable demands of a real child weigh quite strongly against skepticism, phenomenalism, even the disembodiments of religion. And so does the testimony of what keeps rising out of the earth: A poet like Stevenson, so susceptible to the seductions of imagination, language, and philosophical speculation, produces especially compelling and richly layered poetry when she falls under the spell of a child, or by analogy a lover or even the earth itself. Thus in "The Unaccommodated", the haunted earth is no less earth for being haunted, as the body is no less body for being loved; quite the contrary. Millennia later, houses raised stone by stone, neighbour by aching neighbour; impenitent webs of wall There is no single right answer to the question of reality, but there are plenty of wrong answers, answers that shame and diminish the contradictory richness of all that we encounter. So Stevenson rarely answers her own questions, or else counters with another or with a pronouncement as equivocal as it is suggestive. This seems in keeping with the nature of poetry, and poets. She concludes the poem "Making Poetry" with this bit of undogmatic, instructive catechism. And why inhabit, make, inherit poetry? Instead, she presents us with a complex reality where an intently sensory world inhabited by willful, resistant people is overlaid by ghosts, ideas, and spectral emissions: We must accept it all together, as it is. Unlike Plath, her concern is life rather than death; ghosts recur in her poems, but always in relation to the concerns of the living, and the point of autumn is to prepare the garden beds for spring. She is, like Maxine Kumin and Richard Wilbur, a gardener. And these are the poets in whose company she should be read, recalled across the Atlantic to the America she has never really left behind. Oxford University Press, *Five Looks at Elizabeth Bishop* London: She has written on Bishop as well in *Between the Iceberg and the Ship: Selected Essays* Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, For more information please contact mpub-help@umich.

4: Anne Stevenson - writer & poet

The collected poems of Anne Stevenson brings together most of her books since until the present day. It includes "Correspondences, A Family History in Letters".

Child of Adam radio play , British Broadcasting Corp. Between the Iceberg and the Ship: Former poetry critic for Listener. Coeditor, Other Poetry Magazine. Stevenson is "given to querying life," stated Donnelly, "and the frequent questions asked in these poems [in Reversals] indicate their prevailing tentative tone. Answers are usually avoided, sometimes suggested, often simply not to be had. A Family History in Letters, questions her decision to become an author—a decision that also entails leaving her family home: As Times Literary Supplement reviewer Andrew Motion observed, "The characteristic method of Enough of Green is to confront the harsh realities of life, acknowledge the temptation to evade them, and then discover rewards in them as well as disappointments. The book traces the Chandler family from its pre-Revolution, New England roots to the present. And it works, in the end, far better than it has a right to—particularly as a very readable form of history, a mythopoetic look backward. Caram concluded that the final section of the book "does most deftly what poetry can do better than history: A novelist would do more than this; a poet should not do less. Stevenson argues that Plath actually suffered from an "ego weakness" that contributed to psychic pain, "manic violence," and ultimately to her suicide at age thirty. Robert Pinsky of the New York Times Book Review complained, for example, that Stevenson paints too idyllic and consistently forgiving a portrait of Hughes. Malcolm argued that "the misdeed for which Stevenson could not be forgiven" by critics of Bitter Fame was to acknowledge the vulnerability of relatives of the biographical subject as well as the limits of the biographical genre itself. Deeming the book an "intermediate" collection, Rodney Pybus argued in Stand that the "unifying theme" of The Other House is "one of indirection, of persisting with life, finding models of resilience in nature, relishing new birth, as solace for pain. Woodward went on to describe the poetry as "always sharply accurate, perfectly balanced, musically assured. It will not mistake novelty for originality. It will not be afraid of learning from the poetry of the past, but it will not be imitative either." Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume A Family History in Letters; April, Entertainment Weekly, August 7, , review of Bitter Fame: A Life of Sylvia Plath, p. Lines Review, September, London, November, , Robert Garfitt, review of Correspondences. London Review of Books, October 26, , p. Michigan Quarterly Review, fall, ; spring, New Statesman, November 28, ; February 10, ; June 22, , p. New York Times, August 9, Sewanee Review, winter, , review of Between the Iceberg and the Ship, p. Yale Review, spring, , p.

5: Poems of Innocence and Experience

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Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers introduced many younger readers to the world of the English mystical poet and artist. To explain what I mean, it might help to quote an entire poem from the generous selection of new poems here: *The Patience of Bathtubs* I admire the patience of bathtubs, their humility, their grace under pressure. I have seen bathtubs like melancholy tureens into which the moon ladles her light broth. The saint who sailed from Ireland in a bathtub found the Blessed Isles, and no wonder. A strange tub once adopted me, carried me for hours in its magnificent belly, gurgled for joy when I pulled the plug, and filled it "oh, Zen disciple" with emptiness. How light and delightful this poem is! Willard challenges her readers to summon to mind their high-school physics, putting the formulation "grace under pressure" into an unexpected context. Bathtubs "like melancholy tureens" indeed a choice combination of words! It is one thing to come up with that formulation, but then she goes one better by following up on the initial image by having the moon ladle "her light broth" into the tureen. Children, when they read, like to set off journeying and discovering. In some of her more faux naïf poems, Emily Dickinson goes on similar journeys: Look how the tub comes to life, and metamorphoses as it does so. I love the white hare hiding from hunters in the snow, and most of all I love the white cat stalking the wren, waiting for the bird to "make a small stir in the hedge. I would rather not be told the location of the fountain though to be sure, I will go looking for it next time I visit Glens Falls. I would prefer to float, as it were, in the pure imaginative space the poem creates. The snowshoe hare is in peril of being killed, the white cat is out hunting, the "chaste basin" is violated by "off-color stories. A bathtub cleanses, but in the process stands "on four chilly legs" in peril of being sullied daily. In its choice of subject matter her first book, *In His Country*, has much in common with the most distinguished and characteristic poetry of the "when Richard Wilbur was writing poems like "A Baroque Wall-Fountain at the Villa Sciarra," for example. There is even a poem in her first book called "The Cycle of the Fountain," based on sculptures by Gustav Vigeland in Oslo. Here is its first stanza: Let a saint cry your praises, O delicate desert companion, the flea. So tiny a mover ruffles his faith and sends him, scratching and singing, praising the smallest acrobats of God. Willard is, at her deeper and more satisfying moments, a poet of belief; in her lighter poems she is a poet of fancy. In the lines I have just quoted we see a poet who is "deep down" a mystical believer, pretending she is only indulging in fancy or magic. Although in a poem from the same book her ostensible subject, Marcel Marceau, allows her to remain at something of an ironic distance, it is clear that this is no mere exercise: When his hands flutter into birds by imitation, that is, a construct of faith and much seeing of many wings I know my grandmother tells the truth, though the words falter when we sit chilled in the lean rough pews and the priest sings, shaking sweet savor and bells. Now the angels are crowding the altar. And I, who have never seen the gold feathers of prayer know the shape of my own fear. This for me is particularly the case in *19 Masks for the Naked Poet* His enemy was a dragon laced with medals. A large part of the problem for me is that I just cannot see or believe in "the poet" as a character. He seems in these poems to fit merely the popular stereotype of a poet; and that is surprising coming from someone who is a poet herself. The title poem, "Swimming Lessons," is as quiet, level-toned, and convincing as some of the poems I have mentioned above are thin and capricious. Here she tells the story of how her mother taught her to swim: One pictures this happening at one of the lakes around Ann Arbor. As the story is told, we discover what the poem is quietly building to: The day I swam away from our safe shore, you followed from far off, your stealthy oar raised, ready to ferry me home if the lake tried to keep me. Now I watch the tides of your body pull back from the hospital sheets. It is wearing its life vest, that invisible garment of love and trust, and it tells you this story. She is explicit about this emphasis in a poem from the late sixties, "The Spirit is too Blunt an Instrument," which offers a challenge to the idea that what we think of as miraculous excludes quite ordinary facts such as that we inhabit bodies: The spirit is too blunt an instrument to have made this baby. Nothing so unskillful as human passions could have managed the intricate exacting particulars: What seems to start off as

a celebration of physiology or perhaps of the evolutionary process takes a turn halfway through. It is left to the vagaries of the mind to invent love and despair and anxiety and their pain. This is an intricate and finely argued poem. The turn it takes, takes us by surprise. No man was ever yet a great poet, without being at the same time a profound philosopher. For poetry is the blossom and the fragrancy of all human knowledge, human thoughts, human passions, emotions, language. Neither city nor town, its location, even, is ambiguous. Of North and East and Middlewest it is and is not; in every sense, a hopeless candidate for the picturesque. Of the residents of our fair city it still might be said that "Their children are well-fed, rude and intelligent. And if you venerate antiquity or feel wiser where there is history, you will, of course, prefer Cambridge, though even there the proportion of good people to bad architecture is probably about the same. In Britain, where Ms. It is no accident"and not necessarily a happy one"that Nancy Willard is known primarily as someone who writes for children. Stevenson is, like Elizabeth Bishop, about whom she wrote a critical study long before Bishop came to enjoy the wide acclaim her work is currently accorded, "a believer in total immersion. Let me not live, ever, without pub people, the tattooed forearm steering the cue like a pencil, the twelve-pint belly who adds up the scores in his head, the wiry owner of whippets, the keeper of ferrets. Appreciations like this are what keep the poet honest and curb the temptation to live in a world that is exclusively literary. I am drawn, as well, to "From My Study," a long poem about life in Langley Park, a community where the author once lived"in Durham, England, I believe. While Willard naturally anti-gravitates toward the spiritual dimension of life, often seeing things in an idealized way, Stevenson likes to write about the left-out, the quirky, the marginalized among us who, working against odds, manage to improvise lives for themselves: Why settle for it? Why here, with the walking wounded? This is true of both the poets under review here. Coleridge felt so strongly about this quality thatthe second on his list of four hallmarks of superior poetry is "the choice of subjects very remote from the private interests and circumstances of the writer himself. Humorous, curious, sometimes seeing things with a jaded eye, she reminds us that poetry is not an escape from the world but a full-on encounter with it. For more information please contact mpub-help umich.

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9: Anne Stevenson - The Collected Poems -

Anne Stevenson has, from the first entries in her Collected Poems, had an acute interest in the territory that lies beyond the boundaries of the self. Humorous, curious, sometimes seeing things with a jaded eye, she reminds us that poetry is not an escape from the world but a full-on encounter with it.

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