



Vernon Watkins: New Selected Poems (Paperback)

By Vernon Watkins

Carcenet Press Ltd, United Kingdom, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Brought back into print in 2017 to mark the 50th anniversary of Vernon Watkins death. Vernon Watkins (1906-1967) was called by Kathleen Raine: the greatest lyric poet of my generation. Dylan Thomas referred to him as: the most profound and greatly accomplished Welshman writing poems in English , or, in a letter, as the only other poet except me whose poetry I really like today. Philip Larkin wrote: In Vernon s presence poetry seemed like a living stream, in which one had only to dip the vessel of one s devotion. He made it clear how one could, in fact, live by poetry ; it was a vocation, at once difficult as sainthood and easy as breathing. All Watkins s poetry was published by Faber Faber in his lifetime, and he was friends with such widely differing poets as: W.B. Yeats, T.S. Eliot, David Jones, Dylan Thomas, Marianne Moore, Philip Larkin, R.S. Thomas and Kathleen Raine. When he died, in 1967, he was being considered for poet laureate, after the death of John Masefield. Since that time, however, although a few have continued to praise...

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