

POEMS IN FOLIO

Poet and artist Gerd Jakob Stern, a resident of Cresskill, New Jersey, was born in 1928 in Saarbrücken, Germany, which he left in 1936 after the rise of the Nazis, and settled in the San Francisco Bay area.

In 1957, Gerd Stern commissioned from eleven noted poets of the day a poem each for his project Poems in Folio and had each poem printed by as beautiful broadsides by various deluxe printers in California.

Each broadside is accompanied by an explanatory sheet with information about the poem and poet, and, in the case of translations, about the original poet whose work is translated.

Although some of the names of the poets are familiar today, others may no longer be familiar, but their work endures in this splendid edition displayed here for the first time.

1. Sappho, William Carlos Williams
2. The Partridge Tree, Katherine Hoskins
3. Small Moment, Howard Nemerov
4. The Exorcism, Theodore Roethke
5. Solo For Glass Harmonica, Charles Tomlinson
6. The Stolen Heart, F.T. Prince
7. The Child & the Seashell, Eliz Jennings
8. Trivial, Vulgar & Exalted Epigrams, J.V. Cunningham
9. July Dawn, Louise Bogan
10. The Knight, Adrienne Rich
11. The House, Karl Shapiro