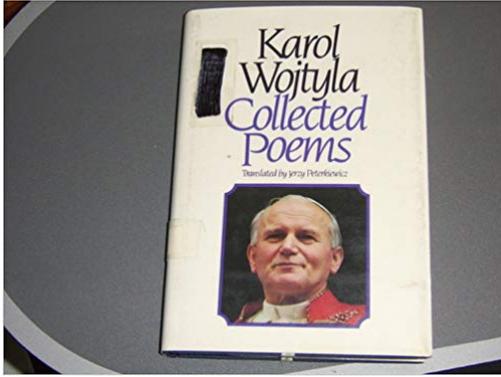


Collected Poems *by* Karol Wojtyla, Jerzy Peterkiewicz



ISBN: 0394528107

ISBN13: 978-0394528106

Author: Karol Wojtyla, Jerzy Peterkiewicz

Book title: Collected Poems

Pages: 183 pages

Publisher: Random House (August 12, 1982)

Language: English

Size PDF version: 1622 kb

Size ePUB version: 1700 kb

Size DJVU version: 1217 kb

Other formats: mobi lrf doc lit

Unconventional poems written by John Paul II as priest, bishop, archbishop, and cardinal incorporate religious, political, social, and historical themes and are addressed to a variety of people



Reviews of the *Collected Poems by* Karol Wojtyla, Jerzy Peterkiewicz

Xtreem

Beautiful poetry!

Mamuro

It is a wonder that this little book is not more widely known, and that the late pope's poetry remains largely unappreciated. Karol Wojtyla was in many ways primarily a creative spirit, and all of these poems were published under a pseudonym prior to his papacy. They arose out of meditations during his ministry as a bishop, and seemed to have been used as a tool therein.

Drawn to drama when young, Wojtyla's poems are experiential and vivid, expressive of his lifelong philosophy that life is most significantly revealed in personal action and social interaction. Thus we have the impressions of a priest working among his people during holy week or, in one remarkable

sequence, a projection back into the persona of Simon of Cyrene, assaulted by crowds as he aids Christ on the way of the cross, propelled by little more than a brute human sense of justice. Wojtyła also dabbled in philosophy all of his life, and this is reflected in a certain tentative, searching aspect to most of the poems. They are hardly didactic or reducible to obvious sermons or lessons; indeed they are quite modern in their open-endedness and their often questioning quality. Nor are they to any extent ponderously self important; they rather invite one in quietly, to share a richly personal, even quirky spirit that is both surprisingly restless and consistently meditative.

Daron

I have always found it interesting to read poetry in translation. Thinking of Quine: Translation is a lie. Worse with poetry, the music of the piece does not carry over into another symbol system since the symbol systems each have their own music. Still since those of us interested in understanding Pope John Paul II better, even now that the Holy Father has gone on to his next calling, this is a good place to look. I think, and I may be wrong, that the poetry must be better in Polish. *Mozhet byt' ya budu chitat' ehto kogda nybud' i uznat esli ehto tak.*

But it was interesting nonetheless. Notice that there are more question marks in this poetry than any other you may have seen?

Related PDF to [Collected Poems](#) by Karol Wojtyła, Jerzy Peterkiewicz

1. [Collected Poems, 1953-93 by John Updike](#)
2. [Elizabeth Bishop: The Complete Poems 1927-1979 by Elizabeth Bishop](#)
3. [Collected Poems by Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath](#)
4. [Collected Poems, 1958-78 by John Tripp](#)
5. [Plain of Dura and other poems by John Paul Jones](#)
6. [Sounds in the silence: The collected poems of John Lane by John Lane](#)
7. [Collected Poems, 1987-2003 by Paul. Birtill](#)
8. [John Betjeman: Collected Poems by John Sir Betjeman](#)
9. [Life Supports: New and Collected Poems \(Life Supports Ppr\) by William Bronk](#)
10. [Poems: Political and Philosophical by Alan Whitehorn](#)