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*The Book of Lamenting May 19 2020 Poems.*

*O Starry Starry Night Feb 08 2022 Two masterful artists—Gauguin and van Gogh—come alive in a vibrant drama about friendship, art, and madness Two painters—Paul Gauguin and Vincent van Gogh—are living together in the sleepy town of Arles in 1888. Soon, Gauguin, frustrated by van Gogh's refusal to acknowledge his increasingly troubled mind, will depart for Paris. In two years, van Gogh will be dead by his own hand. In the meantime, the friends discuss their craft; they frequent a local café that van Gogh will soon immortalize; they become acquainted with a young prostitute, Lotte, who becomes Gauguin's lover; they argue; they paint. In Derek Walcott's new historical play, O Starry Starry Night, two world-renowned artists come to life as they wrestle both with grand themes—friendship, loyalty, fame—and with more mundane concerns, money primary among them. The scenes Walcott sketches summon several of van Gogh's most famous paintings: Sunflowers, The Night Café, The Bedroom at Arles. His manipulation of language—van Gogh's eloquent monologues giving way to more abstract speeches—evokes the painter's descent into madness. Over the action hangs the threat of violence, of death, which lends the play a potent urgency; for at least one of the characters, time is quickly running out. O Starry Starry Night is powerfully wrought, and demonstrates once again the sharpness of Walcott's eye: as a painter, as a poet, as a writer, and, above all, as an observer of human follies, foibles, failings, and aspirations.*

*Gulf and Other Poems Jan 07 2022 As his title suggests, Derek Walcott's new poems--while making beautiful use of Caribbean imagery--are concerned with themes of isolation and the achievement of identity through loneliness. When it was published in England in 1969, The Gulf was awarded the Cholmondeley prize for poetry. As the London Times wrote, "His new collection is as noble and stern and grand as Milton...Walcott writes with a tropical glory of images; handles his huge pyrotechnic vocabulary with iron-discipline, verve and nerve...His glittering intelligence and luxurious command of sensation fuse in a mastery of images which burst in the brain like balls of phosphorescent fire." The subject of the title poem is the alienation and isolation of an America where filling-station signs proclaim the Gulf, an air, heavy with gas sickens the state, from Newark to New Orleans. The central figure in the Caribbean poems is a Robinson Crusoe-like castaway, who "learns again the self-creating peace of islands."*

*Selected Poetry Oct 24 2020 This anthology of poetry is selected to portray the various*

themes of the Caribbean.

Collected Poems, 1948-1984 Feb 20 2023 This retrospective collection includes most of the poems from each of the poet's previous books, as selected by the poet, and the complete text of "Another Life," a long narrative poem

Moon-Child Sep 03 2021 In *Moon-Child*, the poet and playwright Derek Walcott returns to the island of St. Lucia for a lush and vivid tale of spirituality and the supernatural. In this lyrical new work, the crafty Planter (who may or may not be the Devil in disguise) schemes to take over the island for development. Between him and his goal lies the Bouton family, whose ailing matriarch strikes a bargain: if any of her three sons can get the Devil to feel anger and human weakness, the islanders will win the right to spend the rest of their days in wealth and peace. In a fable that reaches from St. Lucia's verdant forests to an explosive ending amid its plantation homes, Walcott has crafted a masterwork rich in flowing language and colorful Creole patois. With roots in Caribbean folklore and an eye toward the island's postcolonial legacy and complex racial identities, *Moon-Child* marks a remarkable new addition to the canon of one of the world's most prolific Caribbean playwrights.

Postcolonial Odysseys Apr 17 2020 *Postcolonial Odysseys: Derek Walcott's Voyages of Homecoming* highlights the importance of the trope of voyaging in Derek Walcott's poetics, primarily as it pertains to the poet's engagement with classical verse. Focusing specifically on the engagement with Homeric myth, and *The Odyssey* in particular, it articulates the manner in which Walcott's postcolonial reconfigurations of epic verse both highlights the endurance of the classics as well as demonstrating how cultural practices can remake and transform ancient texts. Concomitant with the poet's presentation of self as divided, this study traces opposing forces in operation within this trope: a centrifugal force that corresponds to the outward journey away from his island home in search of greater publishing opportunities and broader readerships, and a centripetal force corresponding to the return journey, or homecoming. The enabling potential of Greek myth is marked by a similar to-ing and fro-ing in Walcott's verse as he repeatedly engages with, and simultaneously disavows, Homeric configurations. Insisting on the reciprocal nature of poetic appropriation, the act of rewriting also signalling new ways of rereading, Walcott's appropriations effectively enter into a critical dialogue with Homeric verse. Further depth to Walcott's rewriting of Homer is provided by an analysis of the mediating influence of Euro-American modernism. Through an examination of the postcolonial aftermath of modernism, it challenges the perceived exclusivity of each, illustrating this premise through case studies of Walcott's relation to both Romare Bearden and James Joyce. This study is therefore interdisciplinary and inter-artistic in nature, transgressing the borderline between poetry and prose, and that of literary and artistic disciplines. Highlighting the permeability of such boundaries, it investigates the journey of Odysseus, as prototypical wanderer, through time and space, from oral to print culture, from word to image.

The Walker Feb 25 2021

Midsummer Nov 17 2022 The poems in this sequence of fifty-four were written to encompass one year, from summer to summer. Their principal themes are the stasis, both stultifying and provocative, of midsummer in the tropics; the pull of the sea, family, and friendship on one whose circumstances lead to separation; the relationship of poetry to painting; and the place of a poet between two cultures. Walcott records, with his distinctive linguistic blend of soaring imagery and plainly stated facts, the experience of a mid-lief period--in reality and in memory or the imagination. As Louis Simpson wrote on the publication of Walcott's *The Fortunate Traveller*, "Walcott is a spellbinder. Of how many poets can it be said that their poems are compelling--not a mere stringing together of

images and ideas but language that delights in itself, rhythms that seem spontaneous, scenes that are vividly there?...The poet who can write like this is a master."

The Arkansas Testament Oct 04 2021 Derek Walcott's eighth collection of poems, *The Arkansas Testament*, is divided into two parts--"Here," verse evoking the poet's native Caribbean, and "Elsewhere." It opens with six poems in quatrains whose memorable, compact lines further Walcott's continuous effort to crystallize images of the Caribbean landscape and people. For several years, Derek Walcott has lived mainly in the United States. "The Arkansas Testament," one of the book's long poems, is a powerful confrontation of changing allegiances. The poem's crisis is the taking on of an extra history, one that challenges unquestioning devotion.

*Another Life* Apr 10 2022 In his longest and most ambitious poem, Derek Walcott reaches beyond an evocative portrayal of his native West Indies to create a moving elegy on himself and on man. The fascinating and complex matrix of the author's life is illuminated with our candor, verve, and strength. Over four thousand lines of verse are grouped into four parts. He evokes scenes of his divided childhood, in which children live in shacks while fine khaki-clothed Englishmen drink tea. He depicts the influence of three intimate friends, including his first love, Anna, on his emergence as a man and artist. He chronicles the mixed remorse and resolution of maturity. He recalls of his youth: "We were blessed with a virginal, unpainted world / with Adam's task of giving things their names..." Yet in retrospect he acknowledges the irony of his artistic reliance on metaphor to transform reality--his search for "another life" When the author's most recent collection of poetry, *The Gulf*, was published, Selden Rodman wrote in *The New York Times Book Review*: "Now, with the publication of his fourth book of verse, Walcott's stature in the front rank of all contemporary poets using English should be apparent." Chad Walsh in *Book World* said: "I am convinced one of the half-dozen most important poets now writing in English. He may prove to be the best." *Another Life* helps to fulfill this prophecy.

Ambition and Anxiety Dec 26 2020 This comparative study investigates the epic lineage that can be traced back from Derek Walcott's *Omeros* and Ezra Pound's *Cantos* through Dante's *Divina Commedia* to the epic poems of Virgil and Homer, and identifies and discusses in detail a number of recurrent key topoi. A fresh definition of the concept of genre is worked out and presented, based on readings of Homer. The study reads Pound's and Walcott's poetics in the light of Roman Jakobson's notions of metonymy and metaphor, placing their long poems at the respective opposite ends of their language poles. Although there has already been an intermittent critical focus on the 'classical' (and 'Dantean') antecedents of Walcott's poetry, the present study is the first to bring together the whole range of epic intertextualities underlying *Omeros*, and the first to read this Caribbean masterpiece in the context of Pound's achievement.

**White Egrets** May 11 2022 A DAZZLING NEW COLLECTION FROM ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POETS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY In *White Egrets*, Derek Walcott treats the characteristic subjects of his career—the Caribbean's complex colonial legacy, his love of the Western literary tradition, the wisdom that comes through the passing of time, the always strange joys of new love, and the sometimes terrifying beauty of the natural world—with an intensity and drive that recall his greatest work. Through the mesmerizing repetition of theme and imagery, Walcott creates an almost surflike cadence, broadening the possibilities of rhyme and meter, poetic form and language. *White Egrets* is a moving new collection from one of the most important poets of the twentieth century—a celebration of the life and language of the West Indies. It is also a triumphant paean to beauty, love, art, and—perhaps most surprisingly—getting older.

*Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Latin American and Caribbean Literature, 1900-2003*  
Feb 14 2020 *The Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Latin American and Caribbean*

*Literature, 1900–2003 draws together entries on all aspects of literature including authors, critics, major works, magazines, genres, schools and movements in these regions from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present day. With more than 200 entries written by a team of international contributors, this Encyclopedia successfully covers the popular to the esoteric. The Encyclopedia is an invaluable reference resource for those studying Latin American and/or Caribbean literature as well as being of huge interest to those following Spanish or Portuguese language courses.*

*Narrative Rewritings and Artistic Praxis in Derek Walcott's Works Apr 29 2021 This book focuses on Derek Walcott's literary and artistic work. Western postcolonial critique has depicted the Nobel Prize laureate as one of the greatest poets of the 20th century world. This, however, devalues his fundamental contribution to the realm of Caribbean theatre and art. The text examines Walcott's multimodal production, a combination of West Indian folkloric forms and Western-oriented structures and themes, by discussing three of his works—two plays, *The Joker of Seville* and *Pantomime*, and a long poem, *Tiepolo's Hound*. These epitomise respectively a response to Spanish, English, and French cultural legacies in the New World as postcolonial re-writings of *Don Juan*, *Robinson Crusoe*, and *Camille Pissarro's* stories. Following Quijano and Mignolo's decolonial approaches and Riane Eisler's partnership perspective, the book uncovers the strategies used by Walcott to respond to the colonial matrix of power.*

*Canaan Nov 12 2019 Here is public poetry of uncommon moral urgency: it bears witness to the sufferings of the innocent at the hands of history and to the martyrdom of those who have dared look history in the eye. "Rich, quarrelsome...handsome and brutish...Hill's poetry is the major achievement of late-twentieth-century verse," says *The New Criterion*. "Canaan is one of the few serious books we will have to mark the millennium."*

*The Poetry of Derek Walcott 1948-2013 Dec 18 2022 A collection spanning the range of the writer's career includes his first published poem, his celebrated verses on violence in Africa, his mature work from "The Star-Apple Kingdom," and his late masterpieces from "White Egrets."*

*Conversations with Derek Walcott Jan 15 2020 When Derek Walcott was awarded the Nobel Prize, he was cited for "a poetic oeuvre of great luminosity, sustained by a historical vision, the outcome of a multicultural commitment." The lively interviews in this collection reveal Walcott's generous and brilliant intelligence as well as his strong, forthright opinions. He discusses the craft of poetry, the status of contemporary poetry and drama, his founding of the Trinidad Theatre Workshop, and his views on a number of influential writers, including Eliot, Auden, Brodsky, Heaney, and Naipaul. Boldly speaking his mind, Walcott takes many controversial positions on a wide range of subjects, such as Caribbean and U.S. politics, literary instruction in American universities, the proper role of sound in modern poetry, and the "ego" apparent in contemporary American poetry, and problems of race. Whatever the subject, Walcott responds fully and candidly.*

*What the Twilight Says Oct 16 2022 The first collection of essays by the Nobel laureate. Derek Walcott has been publishing essays in *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Republic*, and elsewhere for more than twenty years. *What the Twilight Says* collects these pieces to form a volume of remarkable elegance, concision, and brilliance. It includes Walcott's moving and insightful examinations of the paradoxes of Caribbean culture, his Nobel lecture, and his reckoning of the work and significance of such poets as Robert Lowell, Joseph Brodsky, Robert Frost, Les Murray, and Ted Hughes, and of prose writers such as V. S. Naipaul and Patrick Chamoiseau. On every subject he takes up, Walcott the essayist brings to bear the lyric power and syncretic intelligence that have made him one of the major poetic voices of our time. Derek Walcott was born in St. Lucia in 1930. His recent works include *Omeros* (FSG, 1990) and *The Bounty* (FSG, 1997). He received the*

Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992. He lives in New York City and Castries, St. Lucia.

*In a Green Night* Nov 24 2020

*Sea Grapes* Nov 05 2021 Derek Walcott was aptly described by Laurence Liberman in *The Yale Review* as "one of the handful of brilliant historic mythologists of our day." *Sea Grapes* deepens with this major poet's search for true images of the post-Adamic "new world"--especially those of his native Caribbean culture. Walcott's rich and vital naming of the forms of island life is complemented by poems set in America and England, by inward-turning meditations, and by invocations of other poets--Osip Mandelstam, Walt Whitman, Frank O'Hara, James Wright, and Pablo Neruda. On the publication of *Selected Poems* in 1963, Robert Graves wrote, "Derek Walcott handles English with a closer understanding of its inner magic than most (if not any) of his English-born contemporaries." This collection of new poems in every way confirms Walcott's mastery. He is also the author of *The Gulf*, *Dream on Monkey Mountain* and *Other Plays*, and *Another Life*.

*Morning, Paramin* Oct 12 2019 A vibrant meditation on the difficult beauty of the Caribbean, taking the form of a dialogue between a Nobel Prize winning poet and a renowned figurative painter.

*Communication Images in Derek Walcott's Poetry* Jun 19 2020 This book investigates the potential purpose of recurrent communication images in the poetry of Derek Walcott. The recipient of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1992, Walcott is one of the most important postcolonial poets of the 20th century. His poetry delves into the dynamics of Caribbean marginalization and seeks to safeguard the paradigms characteristic of his island home. Several major studies have examined themes in his poetry but the images of communication in his poetics have not been explored. This book examines Walcott's poetry expressions that the poet brings into play in order to demonstrate the relevance of the Caribbean in the contemporary world--firstly through a study of communication imagery, and secondly through an examination of the conclusions he reaches through these means. The quantitative chart demonstrates that Walcott is especially reliant upon images of communication from the 1980s. Extensive textual analysis indicates that the place and contextual meaning of communication imagery, for example, page mirrors the historical plight of the Caribbean region; likewise, line expresses an identity deficit. Finally, this book validates that Walcott's extensive use of communication imagery in his poetry contributes to a fluid notion of self that embraces multiculturalism while maintaining the imaginary intact.

*Selected Poems* Jan 19 2023 Drawing from every stage of his career, Derek Walcott's *Selected Poems* brings together famous pieces from his early volumes, including "A Far Cry from Africa" and "A City's Death by Fire," with passages from the celebrated *Omeros* and selections from his latest major works, which extend his contributions to reenergizing the contemporary long poem. Here we find all of Walcott's essential themes, from grappling with the Caribbean's colonial legacy to his conflicted love of home and of Western literary tradition; from the wisdom-making pain of time and mortality to the strange wonder of love, the natural world, and what it means to be human. We see his lifelong labor at poetic crafts, his broadening of the possibilities of rhyme and meter, stanza forms, language, and metaphor. Edited and with an introduction by the Jamaican poet and critic Edward Baugh, this volume is a perfect representation of Walcott's breadth of work, spanning almost half a century.

*Collected Pems 1948-1984* Aug 14 2022

*Critical Perspectives on Derek Walcott* May 31 2021 The articles in this collection are representative of the criticism that has followed Walcott's career from the 1940s into the 1990s. Ten entries by Walcott himself (including one not previously published and two vital interviews) are complemented by some 40 incisive essays and reviews, ranging from

professional assessments to the rare, personal observations of Walcott's earliest mentors. Derek Walcott Aug 22 2020 John Thieme here provides a comprehensive study of Derek Walcott's writing from its beginnings in the 1940s to his most recent work. Walcott's poetry and drama are set against the background of various contexts and intertexts--Caribbean, European and other--that have shaped him as a writer. The book contains a broad overview of Walcott's career for students and readers coming to the work of the 1992 Nobel Laureate for the first time.

Omeros Jul 13 2022 A poem of circular narrative design, titled with the Greek name for Homer, which simultaneously charts two currents of history: the visible history charted in events -- the tribal losses of the American Indian, the tragedy of African enslavement -- and the interior, unwritten epic fashioned from the suffering of the individual in exile.

Cultural Politics in Derek Walcott's Prose and Poetry Mar 29 2021 This book offers a new reading of the Caribbean Nobel Laureate Derek Walcott, by not only focusing on his totally neglected essays, but also introducing him as a postcolonial theoretician. Probing into Walcott's writings, the study singles out a set of concepts that parallel, support and sometimes precedes most of the seminal views in postcolonial theory. Wedding theory to practice, the book takes the reader on a scholarly trip whereby Walcott's theoretical views are applied on his poems.

The Bounty Dec 06 2021 Derek Walcott's book *The Bounty* opens with the title poem, a memorable elegy to his mother. It also contains a haunting series of poems evoking the poet's native ground, the island of St. Lucia. The power and beauty of Walcott's lyric gift have never been more fully in evidence.

The Fortunate Traveller Jul 21 2020 Derek Walcott has for some time been recognized as one of the most accomplished and resourceful poets writing in English. The volume of his work in *The Fortunate Traveller*, which contains such poems as "Olde New England" and "Piano Practice," cements this reputation.

Selected Poetry Mar 17 2020 A selection of the poetry of Derek Walcott, winner of the 1992 Nobel Prize for Literature. The nature of memory and the creative imagination, the history, politics and landscape of the West Indies, Walcott's loves and marriages and his enduring awareness of time and death, are recurring themes.

The Haitian Trilogy Jan 27 2021 Plays by the Nobel-laureate, brought together for the first time In the history plays that comprise *The Haitian Trilogy*--Henri Christophe, *Drums and Colours* and *The Haytian Earth*--Derek Walcott, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature, uses verse to tell the story of his native West Indies as a four-hundred-year cycle of war, conquest and rebellion. In *Henri Christophe* and *The Haytian Earth*, Walcott re-casts the legacy of Haiti's violent revolutionaries--led by Toussaint L'Ouverture, Jean Jacques Dessalines and Henri Christophe--whose rebellion established the first black state in the Americas, but whose cruelty becomes a parable of racial pride and corruption. *Drums and Colours*, commissioned in 1958 to celebrate the first parliament in Trinidad, is a grand pageant linking the lives of complex, ambiguous heroes: Columbus and Raleigh; Toussaint; and George William Gordon, a martyr of the constitutional era. From *Henri Christophe*'s high style to the bracing vernacular of *The Haytian Earth*, to the epic scale and scope of *Drums and Colours*, in these plays Walcott, one of our most celebrated poets, carved a place in the modern theater for the history of the West Indies, and a sounding room for his own maturing voice.

The Arkansas Testament Aug 02 2021 Derek Walcott's eighth collection of poems, *The Arkansas Testament*, is divided into two parts--"Here," verse evoking the poet's native Caribbean, and "Elsewhere." It opens with six poems in quatrains whose memorable, compact lines further Walcott's continuous effort to crystallize images of the Caribbean landscape and people. For several years, Derek Walcott has lived mainly in the United

States. "The Arkansas Testament," one of the book's long poems, is a powerful confrontation of changing allegiances. The poem's crisis is the taking on of an extra history, one that challenges unquestioning devotion.

*Remembrance and Pantomime* Dec 14 2019 First produced by Joseph Papp's New York Shakespeare Festival in 1979, *Remembrance* is the story of an evasively eloquent retired teacher who cannot reconcile his anachronistic love of British culture with the evolution of his family and community in independent Trinidad. "A lyrical, audience-pleasing work" (*Variety*). Mr. Walcott is a poet, and his writing is of a quality we seldom hear in the theatre" (*The New Yorker*). *Pantomime* is a fast-paced comedy set in Tobago. In the hope of entertaining future guests, an English hotel owner proposes that he and his black handyman work up a satire on the *Robinson Crusoe* story. The play was produced by BBC Radio and London's Keskidee Theatre in 1979. "A brilliantly extended set of variations on the master-and-servant relationship" (*The Times*). "Gentle wit, immaculately placed irony" (*New Statesman*). "Dazzling theatrical virtuosity" (*Financial Times*).

*Tiepolo's Hound* Sep 15 2022 From the Nobel laureate, a book-length poem on two educations in painting, a century apart "Between me and Venice the thigh of a hound; my awe of the ordinary, because even as I write, paused on a step of this couplet, I have never found its image again, a hound in astounding light." Tiepolo's *Hound* joins the quests of two Caribbean men: Camille Pissarro--a Sephardic Jew born in 1830 who leaves his native St. Thomas to follow his vocation as a painter in Paris--and the poet himself, who longs to rediscover a detail--"a slash of pink on the inner thigh / of a white hound"--of a Venetian painting encountered on an early visit from St. Lucia to New York. Both journeys take us through a Europe of the mind's eye, in search of a connection between the lost, actual landscape of a childhood and the mythical landscape of empire. Published with twenty-five full-color reproductions of Derek Walcott's own paintings, the poem is at once the spiritual biography of a great artist in self-imposed exile, a history in verse of Impressionist painting, and a memoir of the poet's desire to catch the visual world in more than words.

*The Prodigal* Jun 12 2022 Do not diminish in my memory villages of absolutely no importance, ... Hoard, cherish your negligible existence, your unrecorded history of unambitious syntax, your clean pools of unpolluted light over close stones. *The Prodigal* is a journey through physical and mental landscapes, from Greenwich Village to the Alps, Pescara to Milan, Germany to Cartagena. But always in "the music of memory, water," abides St. Lucia, the author's birthplace, and the living sea. In his new work, Derek Walcott has created a sweeping yet intimate epic of an exhausted Europe studded with church spires and mountains, train stations and statuary, where the New World is an idea, a "wavering map," and where History subsumes the natural history of his "unimportantly beautiful" island home. Here, the wanderer fears that he has been tainted by his exile, that his life has become untranslatable, and that his craft itself is rooted in betrayal of the vivid archipelago to which, like Antaeus, he must return for the very sustenance of life.

*Dream on Monkey Mountain and Other Plays* Mar 09 2022 On a Caribbean island, the morning after a full moon, Felix Hobain tears through the market in a drunken rage. Taken away to sober up in jail, all that night he is gripped by hallucinations: the impoverished hermit believes he has become a healer, walking from village to village, tending to the sick, waiting for a sign from God. In this dream, his one companion, Moustique, wants to exploit his power. Moustique decides to impersonate a prophet himself, ignoring a coffin-maker who warns him he will die and enraging the people of the island. Hobain, half-awake in his desolate jail cell, terrorized by the specter of his friend's corruption, clings to his visionary quest. He will try to transform himself; to heal Moustique, his jailer, and his jail-mates; and to be a leader for his people. *Dream on Monkey Mountain* was awarded the

1971 Obie Award for a Distinguished Foreign Play when it was first presented in New York, and Edith Oliver, writing in *The New Yorker*, called it "a masterpiece." Three of Derek's Walcott's most popular short plays are also included in this volume: *Ti-Jean and His Brothers*; *Malcochon, or The Six in the Rain*; and *The Sea at Dauphin*. In an expansive introductory essay, "What the Twilight Says," the playwright explains his founding of the seminal dramatic company where these works were first performed, the Trinidad Theatre Workshop. First published in 1970, *Dream on Monkey Mountain and Other Plays* is an essential part of Walcott's vast and important body of work.

*The Star-Apple Kingdom* Jul 01 2021 Most of the poems in this new collection follow the arc of the Caribbean archipelago from Trinidad to Jamaica. The reader is taken on an odyssey, beginning with "The Schooner Flight," in which a poor mulatto sailor abandons his life in Trinidad, sailing northward to meet his fate, and ending with "The Star-Apple Kingdom," a long poem whose axis is the crucial attempt to establish a new social order in Jamaica without sacrificing democracy. Other poems speak through various personae: "Koenig of the River" marks the end of a saga of nineteenth-century exploration and conquest through the Conradian image of a missionary-soldier whose comrades have been lost at sea; "The Saddhu of Couva" describes the lament of an Indian priest for a fading spirituality; "Egypt, Tobago" places Mark Antony on a beach in the glare of afternoon. Two poems are dedicated to fellow poets--Joseph Brodsky and Robert Lowell. In *The Star-Apple Kingdom*, Walcott's precise and inventive imagery is enriched by frequent exploitation of the tonal aspects of dialect. He has absorbed into poetry the normal resources of fiction--to the point where fact crystallizes into metaphor. As John Thompson recently commented in *The New York Review of Books*: "Walcott writes now as a man who knows exactly what he is doing. His style is that of the best language of our period."

*O Starry Starry Night* Sep 22 2020 "A new play by Nobel Prize winner Derek Walcott, exploring the fraught friendship between master painters Vincent van Gogh and Paul Gauguin"--

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