



John Berryman: Selected Poems

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The Library of America. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, John Berryman: Selected Poems, John Berryman, Kevin Young, Staggering, swaggering, intoxicating: John Berryman achieved a poetry where (in the words of editor Kevin Young) protagonists search for a lover or friend, ancestor or listener with a recklessness that only Whitman allowed himself. .

Berryman becomes an Everyman attempting, falling short of and often achieving greatness. The formal accomplishments of his early work, epitomized in the masterful *Homage to Mistress Bradstreet*, led the way to the explosive, splintered, mesmerizing diction of the *Dream Songs* and the wrenching tones of the late religious poems. By turns or all at once compassionate, raging, scholarly, and uproariously funny, Berryman's poetry remains a unique and monumental presence in the literature of the twentieth century.



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