



## Nativity Poems: Bilingual Edition

By Joseph Brodsky, Mikhail Lemkin, Joseph Brodsky, Melissa Green, Seamus Heaney

Farrar Straus Giroux. Paperback / softback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, *Nativity Poems: Bilingual Edition*, Joseph Brodsky, Mikhail Lemkin, Joseph Brodsky, Melissa Green, Seamus Heaney, Christmas poems by the Nobel Laureate To Him, all things seemed enormous: His mother's breast, the steam out of the ox's nostrils, Caspar, Balthazar, Melchior, the team of Magi, the presents heaped by the door, ajar. He was but a dot, and a dot was the star.--from "Star of the Nativity" Joseph Brodsky, who jokingly referred to himself as "a Christian by correspondence," endeavored from the time he "first took to writing poems seriously," to write a poem for every Christmas. He said in an interview: "What is remarkable about Christmas? The fact that what we're dealing with here is the calculation of life--or, at the very least, existence--in the consciousness of an individual, a specific individual." He continued, "I liked that concentration of everything in one place--which is what you have in that cave scene." There resulted a remarkable sequence of poems about time, eternity, and love, spanning a lifetime of metaphysical reflection and formal invention. In "Nativity Poems" six superb poets in English have come together to translate the ten as yet untranslated poems from this sequence,...

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