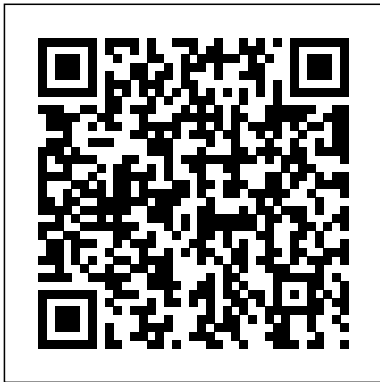

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"In the deep silence, wisdom begins to sing her unending, sunlit, inexpressible song: the private song she speaks

to the solitary soul." In *Choosing to Love the World*, Thomas Merton inspires us to look deep within ourselves and, in the peaceful silence of contemplation, to find and sing our own song. Edited by Jonathan Montaldo, associate director of The Merton Institute for Contemplative Living, and director of Bethany Spring, the Merton Institute retreat center in Trappist, Kentucky. American Primitive Da Capo Press

"A breezy, inviting collection of love poems that celebrates the divine as much as it does the

natural world or human relationships . . . An eloquent celebration of simple joy from one of America ' s most beloved poets. ” —The Washington Post “ Oliver ' s poems are thoroughly convincing—as genuine, moving, and implausible as the first caressing breeze of spring. ” —New York Times Book Review Mary Oliver, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, celebrates love in this collection of poems "If I have any secret stash of poems, anywhere, it might be about love, not anger," Mary Oliver once said in an interview. Finally, in her

stunning new collection, Felicity, we can immerse ourselves in Oliver ' s love poems. Here, great happiness abounds. Our most delicate chronicler of physical landscape, Oliver has described her work as loving the world. With Felicity she examines what it means to love another person. She opens our eyes again to the territory within our own hearts; to the wild and to the quiet. In these poems, she describes—with joy—the strangeness and wonder of human connection. As in *Blue Horses*, *Dog Songs*, and *A Thousand Mornings*, with

Felicity Oliver honors love, life, and beauty. At Blackwater Pond John Wiley & Sons Beloved by her readers, special to the poet's own heart, Mary Oliver's dog poems offer a special window into her world. *Dog Songs* collects some of the most cherished poems together with new works, offering a portrait of Oliver's relationship to the companions that have accompanied her daily walks, warmed her home, and inspired her work. To be illustrated with images of the dogs themselves, the subjects will come to colorful life here. These are poems of love and laughter, heartbreak and grief. In these pages we visit with

old friends, including Oliver's well-loved Percy, and meet still others. Throughout, the many dogs of Oliver's life emerge as fellow travelers, but also as guides, spirits capable of opening our eyes to the lessons of the moment and the joys of nature and connection. Dog Songs is a testament to the power and depth of the human-animal exchange, from an observer of extraordinary vision

Teaching with Heart
Cowley Publications

Never afraid to shed the pretense of academic poetry, never shy of letting the power of an image lie in unadorned language, Mary Oliver offers us poems of arresting beauty that reflect on the power of love and the great gifts of the natural world. Inspired by the familiar lines from William Wordsworth, "To me the meanest flower that blows can give / Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears," she uncovers the evidence presented to us daily by nature, in rivers and stones, willows and field corn, the mockingbird's "embellishments," or the last hours of darkness.

B Beacon Press
Dream Work, a collection of forty-five poems, follows both chronologically and logically Mary Oliver's American Primitive, which won her the Pulitzer Prize for the finest book of poetry published in 1983 by an American poet. The depth and diversity of perceptual awareness—so steadfast and

radiant in American Primitive—continue in DreamWork. She has turned her attention in these poems to the solitary and difficult labors of the spirit—to accepting the truth about one's personal world, and to valuing the triumphs while transcending the failures of human relationships. Whether by way of inheritance—as in her poem about the Holocaust—or through a painful glimpse into the present—as in *Acid*, a poem about an injured boy begging in the streets of Indonesia—the events and tendencies of history take on a new importance here. More deeply than in her previous volumes, the sensibility behind these poems has merged with the world. Mary

Oliver's willingness to be joyful continues, deepened by self-awareness, by experience, and by choice.

Many Miles Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

With consummate craftsmanship, Mary Oliver has fashioned fifteen luminous prose pieces: on nature, writing, and herself and those around her. She praises Whitman, denounces cuteness, notes where to find the extraordinary, and extols solitude.

House of Light Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Red bird came all winter / firing up the landscape / as nothing else could. So begins Mary Oliver's twelfth book of

poetry, and the image of that fiery bird stays with the reader, appearing in unexpected forms and guises until, in a postscript, he explains himself: "For truly the body needs / a song, a spirit, a soul. And no less, to make this work, / the soul has need of a body, / and I am both of the earth and I am of the inexplicable / beauty of heaven / where I fly so easily, so welcome, yes, / and this is why I have been sent, to teach this to your heart." This collection of sixty-one new poems, the most ever in a single volume of Oliver's

work, includes an entirely new direction in the poet's work: a cycle of eleven linked love poems—a dazzling achievement. As in all of Mary Oliver's work, the pages overflow with her keen observation of the natural world and her gratitude for its gifts, for the many people she has loved in her seventy years, as well as for her disobedient dog, Percy. But here, too, the poet's attention turns with ferocity to the degradation of the Earth and the denigration of the peoples of the world by those who love power. Red

Bird is unquestionably Mary Oliver's most wide-ranging volume to date.

Long Life Gardners Books
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry Her most acclaimed volume of poetry, *American Primitive* contains fifty visionary poems about nature, the humanity in love, and the wilderness of America, both within our bodies and outside. "American Primitive enchants me with the purity of its lyric voice, the loving freshness of its perceptions, and the singular glow of a spiritual life brightening the pages." -- Stanley Kunitz "These poems are

natural growths out of a loam of perception and feeling, and instinctive skill with language makes them seem effortless. Reading them is a sensual delight." -- May Swenson
The Leaf And The Cloud Beacon Press
Offers advice on reading and writing poetry, and discusses imitation, sound, the line, poem forms, free verse, diction, imagery, revision, and workshops
Wild Geese Timber Press
In this stunning collection of new poems, Mary Oliver returns to the imagery that has defined her life 's work, describing with wonder both

the everyday and the unaffected beauty of nature. Herons, sparrows, owls, and kingfishers flit across the page in meditations on love, artistry, and impermanence. Whether considering a bird ' s nest, the seeming patience of oak trees, or the artworks of Franz Marc, Oliver reminds us of the transformative power of attention and how much can be contained within the smallest moments. At its heart, *Blue Horses* asks what it means to truly belong to this world, to live in it attuned to

all its changes. Humorous, gentle, and always honest, Oliver is a visionary of the natural world. Blue Iris Beacon Press Mary Oliver is one of America's best-loved poets, the winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Her luminous poetry celebrates nature and beauty, love and the spirit, silence and wonder, extending the visionary American tradition of Whitman, Emerson, Frost and Emily Dickinson. Her extraordinary poetry is nourished by her intimate knowledge and minute daily observation of the New England coast, its woods and ponds, its birds and animals, plants and trees.

Letters to a Young Poet
Hachette Books
Presents forty-one of the author's favorite poems, including a variety of short poems, poems about her bichon Percy, and such classics as "Doesn't Every Poet Write a Poem about Unrequited Love?" and "The Dipper."
West Wind Penguin
Forty poems deal with the bonds between people and the natural world, the writing experience, and the importance of silence
Choosing to Love the World Open

Road + Grove/Atlantic
With piercing clarity and craftsmanship, Mary Oliver has fashioned an unforgettable poem of questioning and discovery, about what is observable and what is not, about what passes and what persists. As Stanley Kunitz has said: "Mary Oliver's poetry is fine and deep; it reads like a blessing. Her special gift is to connect us with our sources in the natural world, its beauties and terrors and mysteries and consolations."

Why I Wake Early Beacon Press
One of the astonishing aspects of [Oliver's] work is the consistency of tone over this long period. What changes is an increased focus on nature and an increased precision with language that has made her

one of our very best poets. . . . These a dozen others—including ten poems sustain us rather than divert poems that have never before us. Although few poets have fewer been collected. She adds two human beings in their poems than beautifully crafted essays, Mary Oliver, it is ironic that few "Owls," selected for the poets also go so far to help us Best American Essays series, forward. and "Bird," a new essay that God of Dirt National will surely take its place among Geographic Books the classics of the genre. In the Pulitzer-prize-winning poet the words of the poet Stanley Mary Oliver collects 26 of her Kunitz, "Mary Oliver's poems about the birds that poetry is fine and deep; it have been such an important reads like a blessing. Her special part of her life Within these gift is to connect us with our pages you will find hawks, sources in the natural world, hummingbirds, and herons; its beauties and terrors and kingfishers, catbirds, and mysteries and consolations. " crows; swans, swallows and, of For anyone who values poetry course, the snowy owl, among

and essays, for anyone who cares about birds, *Owls and Other Fantasies* will be a treasured gift; for those who love both, it will be essential reading.

Dog Songs Courier Dover Publications

The Truro Bear and Other Adventures, a companion volume to *Owls and Other Fantasies* and *Blue Iris*, brings together ten new poems, thirty-five of Oliver's classic poems, and two essays all about mammals, insects, and reptiles. The award-winning poet considers beasts of all kinds: bears, snakes, spiders, porcupines, humpback whales, hermit crabs, and, of course, her beloved but

disobedient little dog, Percy. *Upstream* Da Capo Press For the many admirers of Mary Oliver's dazzling poetry and luminous vision, as well as for those who may only now be discovering her work, *What Do We Know* will be a revelation and, in the words of Stanley Kunitz, "a blessing." These forty poems—of observing, of searching, of pausing, of astonishment, of giving thanks—embrace in every sense the natural world, its unrepeatable moments and its ceaseless cycles. Mary Oliver evokes unforgettable images—from one hundred white-sided dolphins on a summer day to bees that have memorized every stalk and leaf in a field—even as she reminds us, after Emerson, that

"the invisible and imponderable is the sole fact." What was most wonderful? The sea, and its wide shoulders; the sea and its triangles; the sea lying back on its long athlete's spine. What did you think was happening? The green breast of the hummingbird; the eye of the pond; the wet face of the lily; the bright, puckered knee of the broken oak; the red tulip of the fox's mouth; the up-swing, the down-pour, the frayed sleeve of the first snow—so the gods shake us from our sleep.—from "Gratitude"
The Planthunter Penguin
A collection of forty poems that explore the transformation of love and nature over time.
Blue Horses Beacon Press

The forty-seven new works in this volume include poems on crickets, toads, trout lilies, black snakes, goldenrod, bears, greeting the morning, watching the deer, and, finally, lingering in happiness. Each poem is imbued with the extraordinary perceptions of a poet who considers the everyday in our lives and the natural world around us and finds a multitude of reasons to wake early.