

The Poet

By Yone Noguchi

Out of the deep and the dark,
A sparkling mystery, a shape,
Something perfect,
Comes like the stir of the day:
One whose breath is an odor,
Whose eyes show the road to stars,
The breeze in his face,
The glory of heaven on his back.
He steps like a vision hung in air,
Diffusing the passion of eternity;
His abode is the sunlight of morn,
The music of eve his speech:
In his sight,
One shall turn from the dust of the grave,
And move upward to the woodland.

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Source: Poetry



Yone Noguchi was the first Japanese-born writer to publish poetry in English; *The Pilgrimage* contained six haiku, a spare and direct form that inspired Ezra Pound and the Imagist movement. The poet was also the father of Isamu Noguchi, the internationally renowned sculptor and designer.

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