

# Edwin Arlington Robinson



Edwin Arlington Robinson is America's poet laureate of unhappiness. In patiently crafted verse of great sonority, he portrays men and women suffering from life's ordeals yet striving to understand and master their fates. Robinson's tragic vision had its roots in a youth spent in the small town of Gardiner, Maine. So sensitive he claimed he came into the world "with his skin inside out," he once told a fellow poet that at six he had sat in a rocking chair and wondered why he'd been born.