Witter Bynner was born in Brooklyn, New York. In 1922 he moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he and his partner Robert Hunt entertained artists and literary figures like D.H. Lawrence, Georgia O’Keefe and Carl Sandburg at their home. His early poetry is influenced by the work of A.E. Housman while his later poetry reflects his familiarity with Japanese and Chinese poetry, becoming less traditionally structured in form.