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PREFACE

The encyclopedia of poetry and poetics is the most comprehensive treatment of its field yet attempted. It consists of about 1,000 individual entries ranging from twenty to more than 20,000 words, dealing with the history, theory, technique, and criticism of poetry from earliest times to the present. The entries are designed to be useful to the general reader, the student, and the professional scholar. They are supplemented by substantial bibliographies and generous cross-references.

Articles on individual authors, poems, and allusions have been excluded from the encyclopedia as readily available in other reference works. Otherwise, the policy of the editors has been to avoid arbitrary limitations. The danger of too narrow a definition of "poetry" has been recognized, and the reader will find numerous articles dealing with the area between prose and poetry (e.g., verse and prose, prose poem, prose rhythm, free verse), and topics equally relevant to prose and poetry (e.g., plot, myth, symbol, imagery). Of particular interest in view of the renaissance of literary criticism in the twentieth century are the numerous articles dealing with poetic theory, schools of criticism, and critical terms. Current interest in poetics also informs many of the entries dealing with the history and forms of poetry.

The entries in the ENCYCLOPEDIA are arranged in alphabetical order. However, they may be grouped under four general headings: (I) History of Poetry; (II) Techniques of Poetry; (III) Poetics and Criticism; (IV) Poetry and its Relationship to Other Fields of Interest.

- (1). The history of poetry is treated in terms of languages, movements, and schools. The reader will find entries on the history of each of the major bodies of world poetry—English, American, French, Indian, Arabic, Japanese, etc.—as well as shorter entries on such minor bodies of poetry as Korean poetry, Yiddish poetry, American Indian poetry, and Eskimo poetry. Movements which cut across linguistic or national boundaries are treated in articles such as RENAISSANCE POETRY, ROMANTICISM, and SYMBOLISM. Shorter articles deal with movements or schools peculiar to one country (e.g., DOLCE STIL NUOVO, PRE-RAPHAELITE BROTHERHOOD, PLÉIADE). In every case the aim has been to provide a coherent summary of the important facts illustrated by frequent citations, together with the critical evaluation necessary to an intelligent understanding of the subject.
- (II). Technique is covered in articles on STYLE, POETIC DICTION, IMAGERY, RHYME, and the like. There is a general article on FIGURES

OF SPEECH, as well as articles on specific figures like METAPHOR, SIMILE, and CONCEIT. The more important terms of traditional rhetoric are included along with terms which have become current through the influence of modern criticism. The sound values of poetry are treated in SOUND IN POETRY, and in shorter entries on TONE COLOR, ONOMATOPOEIA, ALLITERATION, ASSONANCE, and the like. The major genres, such as tragedy, epic, and lyric, receive extended treatment in terms of both history and theory. More general forms (e.g., DRAMATIC POETRY, NARRATIVE POETRY) are discussed in separate articles, as are such rarely treated subjects as EROTIC POETRY and ORAL POETRY.

Prosody is treated in a general article as well as in more specific entries on classical prosody, english prosody, romance prosody, slavic prosody, and celtic prosody, to name only a few. A general article on meter is supplemented by entries on such conventional "types" as hexameter, heroic couplet, and elegiac distich. Special care has been taken to provide adequate representation for techniques and prosodic forms common in non-Western poetry, e.g., haiku, ghasel, and sloka.

(III). Poetics and criticism receive special emphasis in the ENCY-CLOPEDIA. Poetics is treated most generally in Poetics, conceptions of and Poetry, theories of. These are supplemented by entries dealing with Classical Poetics, Medieval Poetics, Neoclassical Poetics, Modern Poetics, etc. In addition, the discussions of major literary movements, schools, and genres deal extensively with theory.

The types, objectives, and problems of criticism are explained in CRITICISM, TYPES OF and CRITICISM, FUNCTION OF. They are explored in greater detail in entries on analysis, Explication, Evaluation, and the like. A great many critical terms are discussed separately; e.g., IMAGINATION, FANCY, CONCRETE UNIVERSAL, INVENTION, DECORUM, IMITATION, OBJECTIVE CORRELATIVE, AMBIGUITY, TENSION.

(IV). The relationship of poetry to other fields of interest is examined in articles such as fine arts and poetry, music and poetry, philosophy and poetry, religion and poetry, and society and poetry.

The guiding policies of the editors of the ENCYCLOPEDIA have been accuracy, utility, interest, and (within necessary space limitations) thoroughness. Our contributors have been selected because of recognized excellence in their fields, and we have intentionally refrained from the attempt to impose a preconceived, uniform point of view on their contributions. Each author has been encouraged to present his material in terms of the approach which he feels to be most appropriate. The result is a variety of points of view, representative of the best modern criticism and scholarship. In the opinion of the editors, anything less would be unfair to both readers and contributors.

Two nonsubstantive types of revision have been made by the editors in preparing the manuscript of the ENCYCLOPEDIA for the printer.

- (1) Abbreviations have been used throughout in the interests of brevity and consistency of format. As in several continental reference works, the entry word of an article has been abbreviated to its first letter (or letters) when it recurs in the text of the article. Thus imagery is abbreviated in the text of that article by i.; satire by s.; and so forth. Common abbreviations (c. for century [ies]), Gr. for Greek, etc.) have been used freely. Finally, authors and works referred to frequently throughout the ENCYCLOPEDIA are abbreviated by one or two key words. Full citations of these bibliographic references will be found in the LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS on Page xvi.
- (2) Forms of citations, conventions of capitalization, use of italics (e.g., for titles of poems), and the like have been standardized where possible for the sake of consistency.

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In the first edition of this work the editors committed themselves to an ideal of comprehensiveness, hoping to make the *Encyclopedia* of *Poetry and Poetics* the most complete and accurate reference source of its kind. Nevertheless, there were inevitable oversights. No separate entries were provided for a number of important movements in poetry (HARLEM RENAISSANCE), major aspects of literature (THEME), and perennial issues (CENSORSHIP). The Supplement of about 75,000 words to this new edition of the *Encyclopedia* attempts to rectify such omissions, and it also includes dozens of other new entries that reflect recent developments in poetry and poetics.

Poetry, like any art, is in a constant process of change, and in the nine years since the publication of this *Encyclopedia* there have been many significant shifts in poetic practice and in the intellectual and social world that surrounds the poet's art. Accordingly, the Appendix includes such entries as ROCK LYRIC and COMPUTER POETRY, as well as an overview of contemporary AMERICAN POETIC SCHOOLS AND TECHNIQUES. Moreover, the increased cultural awareness and articulateness of ethnic minorities and emergent nations has required treatment here of such subjects as recent black poetry in the United States, PUERTO RICAN POETRY, and AFRICAN POETRY in various languages.

Many articles in the Appendix also call attention to recent developments in poetic criticism. An essay on METACRITICISM critically examines criticism itself. Such entries as STRUCTURALISM, PHENOMENOLOGY, and the GENEVA SCHOOL deal with ideas and movements which have proved themselves during the last decade to be of value in the study of literature. Fresh debate over traditional issues is summarized and analyzed in the treatments of HISTORICISM and INTERPRETATION. And new emphases in disciplines ancillary to literature are accounted for in such articles as PSYCHOLOGY AND POETRY and POLITICS AND POETRY.

The editors have again attempted to avoid construing "poetry and poetics" in either too inclusive or too narrow a fashion. They have not tried to encompass the whole area of imaginative literature: such an effort would have resulted in an unwieldy work of many volumes. Instead, they have restricted the province of the *Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics* to metrical or quasi-metrical composition, hoping to maintain a clear unity of subject matter. On the other hand, the editors have included some topics (e.g., articles

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on criticism or on general literary techniques) which apply to prose as well as to poetry. Moreover, they have made no effort to rule out occasional references to prose works in the entries. As in the first edition, the editors have adopted the policy of entrusting the articles to authorities recognized in their respective fields, and of allowing these contributors considerable freedom in point of view and development.

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AJP American Journal of Philology

AL American Literature

ASch American Scholar

ASEER American Slavic and Eastern European Review

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CL Comparative Literature

CP Classical Philology

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HSCP Harvard Studies in Classical Philology
HSS Harvard Slavic Studies

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MLF Modern Language Forum

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MLN Modern Language Notes

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Ren Renascence

RES Review of English Studies

RF Romanische Forschungen

RFE Revista de filología española

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RLC Revue de littérature comparée

RLR Revue des langues romanes (Montpellier)
Rom Romania

RPh Roman Philology

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saww Sitzungsberichte der [österreichischen] Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien. Phil.hist. Klasse

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SP Studies in Philology

sq Shakespeare Quarterly

SR Sewanee Review

SRen Studies in the Renaissance

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SWR Southwest Review

Sym Symposium

TLS [London] Times Literary Supplement
TPAPA Transactions and Proceedings of the
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TPS Transactions of the Philological Society (London)

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in Comparative Literature

UNCSRLL University of North Carolina Studies in the Romance Languages and Literatures UTSE University of Texas Studies in English

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YCS Yale Classical Studies

YFS Yale French Studies

ZDP Zeitschrift für deutsche Philologie

ZRP Zeitschrift für romanische Philologie ZSP Zeitschrift für slavische Philologie

zvs Zeitschrift für vergleichende Sprachforschung