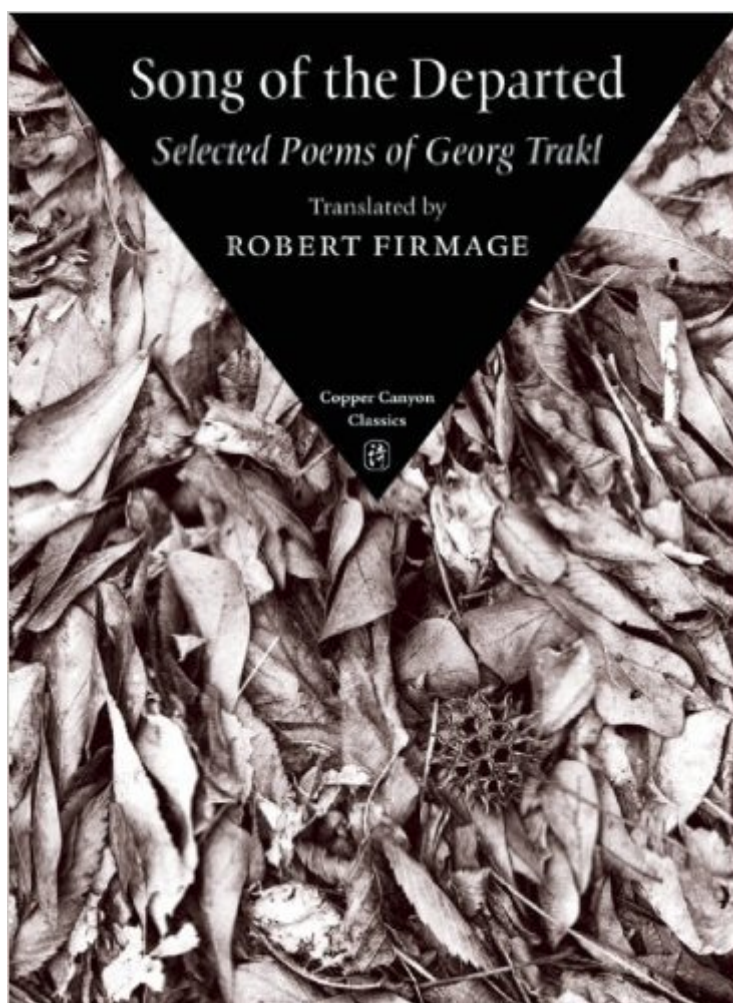


The book was found

# Song Of The Departed: Selected Poems Of Georg Trakl



## Synopsis

"Trakl's poetry is amazing. His reader is gifted with visions of a darker world, an autumnal place of surreal beauty and a dying splendor. It is not a world friendly to people—it is full of death, desolation, and decay, strange creatures and arcane gods. But it is beautiful nonetheless. Hauntingly beautiful."—Chris Faatz, *Powells.com* "I do not understand them; but their tone pleases me. It is the tone of true genius."—Ludwig Wittgenstein

*Song of the Departed* brings back into print poems written at the height of Georg Trakl's career. Trakl boldly confronted the conflicts created by the pursuit of truth amidst the fallenness of the human condition, writing of the unspeakable that lies beyond language, creating poetry that is intensely personal and eerily beautiful. Included in this revised edition are several new translations and an introduction by the translator.

All roads disgorge to black decay.  
Beneath the golden boughs of night and stars  
The sister's shadow flutters through the silent grove  
To greet the spirits of the heroes, bleeding  
heads.  
And softly in the reeds drone the dark flutes of autumn.  
O prouder grief! you brazen  
altars;  
Tonight a mighty anguish feeds the hot flame of spirit:  
Unborn grandchildren.

Georg Trakl was born in Austria in 1887. He served as a medical officer during World War I. As a lyric poet, he set a dark, introspective tone that deeply influenced the course of German expressionism. He died in 1914 after an overdose of cocaine.

## Book Information

Paperback: 184 pages

Publisher: Copper Canyon Classics; New edition (June 5, 2012)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1556593732

ISBN-13: 978-1556593734

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.8 x 7.4 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars — See all reviews (5 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #229,926 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #13 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > Australia & Oceania #484 in Books > Literature & Fiction > World Literature > Australia & Oceania #621 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > European

## Customer Reviews

I love some of these poems, whose imagery, tone and power of expression feel ahead of their time.

All great poetry is unique, but there is something about Trakl's writing that truly sets it apart. His melancholy is beautifully absorbing and full of hints about a plenteous world which we live in, but may never reachâ |Some of the poems do become morbid and even grotesque. But I think its worth it anyway.

I greatly admire Robert Firmage. There can be no doubt that he has a scholar's knowledge and a poet's sensitivity. His scholarship is obvious in the introduction which was originally published twenty-six years ago and also in an Afterword: Truth in Trakl, which I believe is here published for the first time. Both pieces will guide you across the threshold into Trakl's unique world so that you can begin immediately your exploration of it. I cannot speak German so I rely on translators, but I feel completely confident I am hearing Trakl's genuine voice. Of the many available translations of Trakl, these are my favorites. Often Trakl's images are so starkly precise that it seems as if they had been carved in stone, and Trakl stands nearby, holding hammer and chissel, covered in dust. I'm thinking of a poem like DE PROFUNDIS, the first Trakl I ever read and still one of my touchstone poems. In other poems, there seems to be a veil drawn between us and the events of the poem, which take on a mysterious aura, as this image from GRODEK reveals: THE SISTER'S SHADOW FLUTTERS THROUGH THE SILENT GROVE/TO GREET THE SPIRITS OF THE HEROES, BLEEDING HEADS. In a poem like this Trakl hardly seems present: he has become one of the Departed, leaving behind only his haunted and haunting words. Robert Firmage's translations will bring you into the poet's presence; you will encounter the amazing savagery and spirituality of his vision.

the only thing more fascinating about Trakl's poetry was his life. Reading the introduction is like the juiciest soap opera in town.Considered on a level with Rilke, Trakl's personality was what stood between him and eternal fame.

No comments

These are very good poems...a little on the dark side...but I liked that about the poems...good introduction section...try it if you have the time

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Song of the Departed: Selected Poems of Georg Trakl Yevtushenko: Selected Poems: Selected Poems (Penguin Classics) Cellular Structure of the Human Cerebral Cortex: Translated and edited

by L.C. Triarhou (Thessaloniki) Plus poster: 'The 107 Cortical ... Georg N. Koskinas in the Adult Human Brain' Georg Cantor: His Mathematics and Philosophy of the Infinite Life Is a Gift: Inspiration from the Soon Departed Dolly Departed (A Gretchen Birch Murder Mystery Book 3) Thinning the Herd: Tales Of The Weirdly Departed Tell Me Why: The Beatles: Album By Album, Song By Song, The Sixties And After Ten Russian Folk Song, Two Russian Folk Song Op. 104 Vocal Score (Shostakovich Complete Edition) The American Song Treasury: 100 Favorites (Dover Song Collections) Three Song Cycles in Vocal Score: Songs of a Wayfarer, Kindertotenlieder and Das Lied Von Der Erde (Dover Song Collections) On Eagle's Wings (Song Based on Psalm 91) - SAB (S.A.B.) Voices & Keyboard Accompaniment - Choral Sheet Music; Song Composed by Michael Joncas, Choral Setting by Douglas E. Wagner The New Broadway Song Companion: An Annotated Guide to Musical Theatre Literature by Voice Type and Song Style Time Song 1 (Time Walkers: Time Song) Selected Songs for Voice and Piano (Dover Song Collections) Anthology Of Sacred Song - Celebrated Arias Selected From Oratorios By Old And Modern Composers (Volume 4: BASS) The Waste Land and Other Poems: Including The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock Nobel Literature Laureate Works ---Twenty Love Poems and the Song of Despair: Love is so short, forgetting is so long Song of the Simple Truth: The Complete Poems of Julia de Burgos Song of the Simple Truth: The Complete Poems of Julia de Burgos (Dual Language Edition:: Spanish, English) (Spanish and English Edition)

[Dmca](#)