

A PATIENT READER

A PATIENT READER IS WHAT I SEEK,
TO READ MY POEMS,
UNTIL THEY FEEL REplete,
NOT READ THEM FAST,
OR READ THEM HARD,
CRITIQUE ALL YOU WANT,
THE WORK OF THIS LOCAL BARD,
HIS LIFE IS NOW WASTED,
OVERCOOKED AND CHARRED,
THIS OLD MAN, THE LOCAL BARD,
STILL WRITING BUT,
NO LONGER ON GUARD!

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