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“...these poems tell the story of a special late love after bereavement, as well as of loves of all kinds, and the very experience of being alive.” – *Gillian Clarke*

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for Dannie

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