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In A Rare Time Of Rain

Milner Place

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About the Book

Milner Place's remarkable first full-length collection of verse reflects a lifetime of travel and observation, with poems collected from all four points of the compass. Whether reporting scenes from a Mexican village or the African interior, in the Andes or the rainforest, reliving life on the high seas, or recording the mythology of West Yorkshire street life, his style is entirely his own, not least in his use of apparently inexhaustible images.

These are swashbuckling narratives, wry character portraits and meditations that carry a worldly wisdom which extends far beyond the settings and subjects of the poems themselves. *In a Rare Time of Rain* opens up a startling new perspective on the world, and marks the arrival of a unique new voice in contemporary poetry.

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En Busca de mi Alma (Odalid, 1977)

The Confusion of Anglers (Wide Skirt Press, 1988)

Where Smoke Is (Wide Skirt Press, 1990)

Piltdown Man & Bat Woman (Spout Publications, 1994)

To Geoff Hattersley, Keith Jafrate,
David Morley, for faith and counsel.
To Dorothy for love.

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