

## Poetry in troubled times

‘Poetry is an affair of sanity, of seeing things as they are.’

**Philip Larkin**

*ABR* remains open and resolute and will do everything in its power to offer cogent journalism and fine writing for all our readers here and abroad. The *ABR* website and Podcast may assume even greater importance in coming months. As Editor of *ABR* and as a poet myself, I was so pleased when a group of colleagues – distinguished poets and other writers closely associated with the magazine – readily agreed to record some favourite poems, works that seem to resonate in these troubled times.

**Peter Rose, Editor of *ABR*.**

**Robyn Archer** reading **Bertolt Brecht**

**Judith Bishop** reading **Chris Wallace-Crabbe**

**Sarah Holland-Batt** reading **Geoffrey Hill**

**Stephen Edgar** reading **Seamus Heaney**

**Morag Fraser** reading **Sir Thomas Wyatt**

**Peter Goldsworthy** reading **Jane Hirshfield**

**Lisa Gorton** reading **Siegfried Sassoon**

**Rodney Hall** reading **Edmund Spenser**

**J.M. Coetzee** reading **Zbigniew Herbert**

**Judith Beveridge** reading **Edward Thomas**

**Peter Rose** reading **Wallace Stevens**

**Ian Dickson** reading **Louis Macneice**

**A. Frances Johnson** reading  
**Henri Michaux** and **Emily Dickinson**

**John Kinsella** reading **Christopher Brennan**

**David McCooey** reading **Tomas Tranströmer**

**Beejay Silcox** reading **Mary Oliver**

**Alex Skovron** reading **Eugenio Montejo**

**Paul Kane** reading **James Merrill**

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