



Salt-Water Poems and Ballads (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

By John Masefield

Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The Salt-Water Poems and Ballads were published in the new days of the twentieth century by a young man, newly home in Britain but freshly off a ship which arguably had been his truest home since before his eighteenth birthday. The love for the sea that John Masefield lays out in front of us is more than a simple saccharine wistfulness for the aquamarine beauty. He cares for its darkness, its perilous changeability and mercilessness. Whilst many poets who deal with a life at sea focus exclusively on the swashbuckling adventure available on tropical isles in ports of anarchy, The Salt-Water Poems and Ballads take in this element along with the accidents, the fears and the comfort of the routine in the midst of danger. Masefield cherishes even the darker moments beneath the cold skies . When the rising moon was a copper disc and the sea was a strip of steel, We dumped him down to the swaying weeds ten fathoms beneath the keel The poems work with the full spectrum of a sailor's life, the movement, the longing and the...

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