

## Contents

### To Be Serious

<i>IS MR STEPSON HERE?</i>	9
Whispers	11
Harry	13
North-West	16
Evolution and the Deck Chairs	18
Report from the Blue-Eyed Grandson	19
In Beach Hut No. 3	20
The Scholar	22
MCMXVIII	23
Minotaur	25
The Great God Dies	27
On the Latter Half of Milton's "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity"	28
Hades Greets His Equals	30
At the Millennium	32
Fates	33
Philoctetes	35
Trois Cartes	48
On the Face of the Waters	51
Two Trees	52
Let us Endow	53
In the Land of Four Rivers	54
Bethel Revisited	55
At the Jabbok	59
Magi	61
The Eternal Lodger	62
Calvary Hospital	63
Hanging	64
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	66

## **Only Joking**

Wallpaper	68
Intruders at Paddington	69
Adagio	70
Pile-Driving	72
Rubaiyat on Tea	73
The Dendeid	75
The Archaeopteryx and the Smilodon	80
They Told Me, Brontosaurus	81
Amusement	84
Noises Off	85

## **Versions of Catullus**

5 – Kisses	87
10 – Cat in New York	88
22 – Suffenus	89
37 – Sleaze	90
39 – Egnatius Again	91
84 – Arrius, Helegantiae Harbiter	92
27 – Cheers!	93
70 – Dylanic Song	94
85 – Love Burns	95
136 (51 + 85) – Envoi	96