

Melville Henry Cane (April 15 , 1879 -- March 10 , 1980) was an American poet and lawyer

He studied at Columbia University , and was the author of the influential book , Making a Poem (1953)

As a Columbia University student in 1900 , Cane worked as a reporter at the New York Evening Post and also wrote poetry

He also co-wrote the 1900 Varsity Show at Columbia , writing lyrics for libretto The Governor 's Vrouw (1900) , a two - act comic opera he co-wrote with

Cane earned his law degree in 1905 and later specialized in copyright law

Cane was a legal counsel to notable writers like Sinclair Lewis , Upton Sinclair , Ayn Rand , William Saroyan , and Thomas Wolfe and also served on the

Cane was also awarded the Frost Medal by the Poetry Society of America in 1971 for lifetime achievement

Some of Cane 's works are : January Garden (1926) , Behind Dark Places ' (1930) , And Pastures New (1956) and Snow Towards Evening (1974)

Behind dark spaces

Harcourt , Brace and company

1930

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1938

Making a Poem : An Inquiry Into the Creative Process

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1953

And pastures new : a collection of poems

Harcourt , Brace

1956

Sinclair Lewis , John Erskine , Thomas Wolfe and Harry Houdini (1956)

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1960

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1964

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Harcourt , Brace & World

1968

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1974

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