



The Wars of Love and Other Poems

By Charles Upton

Sophia Perennis et Universalis, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.When poet Jack Gilbert, some time in the 1970 s in San Francisco, asked his poetry class, Who here aspires to write a masterpiece?, not one hand was raised. I, on the other hand, wanted to do just that; after reading Blake s Prophetic Books for the first time, as a naive youth, I said to myself: Wow! I d like to write one of those! So I tried my best; it took me thirty-three years. The idol of street language that entered my art in the 1970 s was of no interest to me; I wanted to write in a dense, heightened, magical, poetic language such as ear of cabbie or bar-fly had never heard. I respect those poets who, like my mentor Lew Welch, can bring high poetic diction and the common speech of the Tribe seamlessly together; in many ways I like that kind of poetry better than I do my own. But I was given to write in a certain style, to fill in a certain blank square on the map of...



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