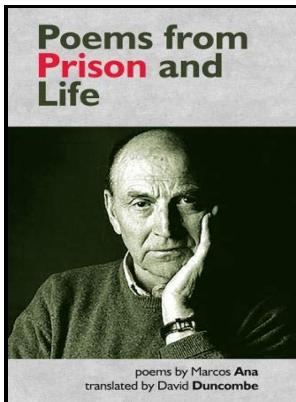


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I fly to the flowers that I loved so much— They are pale, and drop at my slightest touch. Although the work possesses no conventionally defined plot, the ten internal numbered poems form a chronological revelation that documents the suffering of the Russian people during the years of Stalinist terror. The roses nod to hear you sing: But though I listen all the day, You never tell me anything Of father's ship so far away.

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I saw the different things you did, But always you yourself you hid. There's a voice Of music in the rustling of the leaves; And the green boughs are hung with living lutes, Whose strings will only vibrate to his hand Who made them, while they sound his untaught praise! I flit, in the days of the joyous Spring, Through field and forest, and I freight my wing With the spice of the buds, which I haste to bear Where I know that man will inhale the air. Nevermind, I was prepared, I will manage with the rest.

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Oh, the songs yet to sing of the beautiful woods, Oh, the songs that old Nature is singing, I hear them each day as I wander away Where the gay summer birds are awinging. Is not thy home among the flowers? But when I raised my lids to see, Then it was a butterfly.

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I've learned to recognise The fading smiles upon submissive lips, The trembling fear inside a hollow laugh.

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