

***EARTH ELEGY,
NEW AND SELECTED POEMS, 1997***

Earth Elegy gathers new poems as well as work from Margaret Gibson's previous books and proves her a poet for whom the earth is a place of marvels and, at times, tragic splendor. Whether rendering the sun-splashed markets of Mexico, an evening of joyful community in Soviet Georgia, or the mountains and fields of solitary walks, these brilliantly crafted meditations explore the dynamics of radiance and grief as they manifest themselves in our lives.

Earth Elegy traces the workings of a sensibility that focuses emotional intensity like light through a magnifying glass and brings its subjects alive in blazes of almost unbearable clarity.

"[With this book] Gibson is revealed as a poet whose concern is to heal human relations with the earth as well as with each other. . . . A religious poet, one whose faith is not directed in another world but rooted firmly in this one." --
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