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## Collection Summary

**Title:** John Ciardi Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1910-1997

**Bulk Dates:** 1960-1985

**ID No.:** MSS15826

**Creator:** Ciardi, John, 1916-1986

**Extent:** 31,500 items

**Extent:** 91 containers plus 2 oversize

**Extent:** 36.6 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English, and Italian

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm74015826>

**Summary:** Poet, editor, literary critic, lecturer, and journalist. Advertisements, biographical material, contracts, correspondence, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, press releases, research material, royalty statements with holograph and typescript drafts, galley proofs, page proofs, and printed versions of aphorisms, articles, book reviews, books, columns, essays, etymological dictionaries, limericks, plays, poems, poetry reviews, radio and television scripts, and speeches and lectures.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Abbe, George, 1911-1989--Correspondence.  
Adams, Léonie, 1899-1988--Correspondence.  
Basler, Roy P. (Roy Prentice), 1906-1989--Correspondence.  
Benét, Stephen Vincent, 1898-1943.  
Burroughs, William S., 1914-1997. Naked lunch.  
Ciardi, John, 1916-1986.  
Cousins, Norman--Correspondence.  
Dobie, J. Frank (James Frank), 1888-1964--Correspondence.  
Eberhart, Richard, 1904-2005.  
Fitts, Dudley, 1903-1968--Correspondence.  
Frost, Robert, 1874-1963--Correspondence.  
Holmes, John Haynes, 1879-1964.  
Jaffe, Dan--Correspondence.  
Kennedy, X. J.--Correspondence.  
Kreymborg, Alfred, 1883-1966--Correspondence.  
MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982.  
Nims, John Frederick, 1913-1999--Correspondence.  
Pack, Robert, 1929- --Correspondence.  
Pratt, Fletcher, 1897-1956.  
Roethke, Theodore, 1908-1963--Correspondence.  
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980--Correspondence.  
Schwartz, Shloime, 1907-1988  
Scott, Winfield Townley, 1910-1968--Correspondence.  
Sloane, William, 1906-1974--Correspondence.  
Swenson, May--Correspondence.  
Terkel, Studs, 1912-2008.  
Thoma, Henry F. (Henry Francis)--Correspondence.  
Viereck, Peter, 1916-2006.  
Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965.

Wilbur, Richard, 1921-2017--Correspondence.

### **Organizations**

Alabama Education Association.  
American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.  
American Academy in Rome.  
Bates College (Lewiston, Me.)--Students.  
Bread Loaf Writers' Conference of Middlebury College.  
CBS Television Network.  
College English Association.  
Garden State Choral Society.  
Harvard University--Faculty.  
Library of Congress.  
National Public Radio (U.S.)  
Progressive Party (U.S. : 1948)  
Rutgers University--Faculty.  
Tufts University--Students.  
Twayne Publishers.  
University of Missouri at Kansas City.--Faculty.

### **Subjects**

American periodicals.  
American poetry.  
Art, Modern.  
Art--Exhibitions.  
Children's poetry.  
English language--Study and teaching.  
English literature--Censorship.  
Lectures and lecturing.  
Oral interpretation of poetry.  
Plagiarism.  
Protest movements--United States.  
Science fiction.  
Segregation--Alabama.

### **Titles**

*Saturday review.*

### **Occupations**

Critics.  
Editors.  
Journalists.  
Lecturers.  
Poets.

## **Acquisition Information**

The papers of John Anthony Ciardi, poet, editor, literary critic, lecturer, and journalist, were donated to the Library of Congress in three parts. Part I was given by John Ciardi in 1970; Part II by his daughter, Myra Ciardi Watts, in 1998; and Part III by Wayne State University Libraries, Detroit, Michigan, in 1999. Additional items in Part III were given by Mary Lou Harkness in 2000.

## Processing History

Part I of the papers of John Ciardi was arranged and described in 1974 by John C. Broderick. Additional material received between 1998 and 2000 was processed as Parts II and III respectively by T. Michael Womack with the assistance of Laura Kells, Sherralyn McCoy, and Susie Moody in 2000.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of John Ciardi in Part I has been dedicated to the public. Copyright in the unpublished writings of John Ciardi in Parts II and III is controlled by Myra Ciardi Watts.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of John Ciardi are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Roman numeral designating the Part followed by a colon and container number, John Ciardi Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1916, June 24	Born, Boston, Mass.
1933-1935	Attended Bates College, Lewiston, Maine
1935-1938	Attended Tufts University, Medford, Mass., receiving B.A. in 1938
1938-1939	Attended University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., receiving M.A. in English in 1939
1939	Avery Hopwood Award for poetry
1940	Published <i>Homeward to America</i> (New York, N.Y.: Henry Holt and Co. 62 pp.)
1940-1942	Instructor in English, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.
1942-1945	United States Army Air Corps
1945	Eunice Tietjens Award for poetry
1945-1946	Instructor in English, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.
1946	Married Myra Judith Hostetter
1946-1953	Instructor and assistant professor, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1947-1955	Lecturer in poetry, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, Vt.
1949-1955	Poetry editor, Twayne Publishers
1954	Published translation of <i>Inferno</i> by Dante Alighieri (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. 288 pp.)
1953-1961	Associate professor and professor, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.
1955	Published <i>As If: Poems New and Selected</i> (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. 143 pp.)
1955-1972	Director, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, Vt.
1956-1972	Poetry editor, <i>Saturday Review</i>
1956	Prix de Rome, American Academy of Arts and Letters
1959	Published <i>The Reason for the Pelican</i> (Philadelphia, Pa.: J.B. Lippincott. 63 pp.)
1960	D. Litt., Tufts University, Medford, Mass.

- 1961 Published translation of *Purgatorio* by Dante Alighieri (New York, N.Y.: New American Library. 350 pp.)  
Published *I Met a Man* (Boston, Mass.: Houghton Mifflin. 74 pp.)
- 1963 Published *Dialogue with an Audience* (Philadelphia, Pa.: J.B. Lippincott. 316 pp.)
- 1964 Published *Person to Person* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. 83 pp.)
- 1966 Published *The Monster Den* (Philadelphia, Pa.: J.B. Lippincott. 62 pp.)
- 1970 Published translation of *Paradiso* by Dante Alighieri (New York, N.Y.: New American Library. 367 pp.)
- 1971 Published *Lives of X* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. 118 pp.)  
Published *Manner of Speaking* (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press. 118 pp.)
- 1978 Published *Limericks, Too Gross* with Isaac Asimov (New York, N.Y.: W.W. Norton. 101 pp.)
- 1980 Published *A Browser's Dictionary* (New York, N.Y.: Harper & Row. 429 pp.)
- 1981 Published *A Grossery of Limericks* with Isaac Asimov (New York, N.Y.: W.W. Norton. 101 pp.)
- 1983 Published *A Second Browser's Dictionary* (New York, N.Y.: Harper & Row. 329 pp.)
- 1986, Mar. 30 Died, Edison, N.J.
- 1987 Posthumous publication of *Good Words to You* (New York, N.Y.: Harper & Row. 343 pp.)
- 1997 Posthumous publication of *Collected Poems of John Ciardi* edited by Edward M. Cifelli (Fayetteville, Ark.: University of Arkansas Press. 618 pp.)

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Anthony Ciardi span the years 1910-1997, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period between 1960 and 1985. The collection, which focuses on Ciardi's work as a poet, editor, literary critic, lecturer, and journalist, is made up of three parts. Part I consists of two series: [Writings](#) and [Subject File](#). Part II consists of four series: [General Correspondence](#), [Professional File](#), [Writings](#), and [Subject File](#). Part III also consists of four series: [General Correspondence](#), [Professional File](#), [Writings](#), and [Subject File](#). Included in the papers are advertisements, biographical material, contracts, correspondence, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, press releases, research material, and royalty statements as well as drafts, proofs, and printed versions of articles and essays, aphorisms, book reviews, books, columns, etymological dictionaries, limericks, plays, poems, poetry reviews, radio and television scripts, and speeches and lectures. A few of the items are in Italian.

### Part I

The [Writings series in Part I](#) contains articles and essays on various topics, drafts, notes, and proofs from five of Ciardi's books, including *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* and his translation of *Paradiso*, writings from his *Saturday Review* column "Manner of Speaking," and numerous poems.

The [Subject File](#) contains biographical material as well as items relating to art exhibitions, censorship, English language instruction, plagiarism, and speaking engagements.

### Part II

Part II consists of material organized in four series. The first series, [General Correspondence](#), principally covers the period of the 1950s and 1960s during which Ciardi was director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and poetry editor at *Saturday Review* magazine. Prominent correspondents include writers and poets, publishers, and others influential in American culture, such as Leonie Adams, Norman Cousins, Richard Eberhardt, Dudley Fitts, Robert Frost, John Holmes, Dan Jaffe, X. J. Kennedy, Alfred Kreyborg, Archibald MacLeish, John Frederick Nims, Theodore Roethke, Muriel Rukeyser, Winfield Townley Scott, William Sloane, May Swenson, and Richard Wilbur. The series primarily documents Ciardi's activities at *Saturday Review*. In addition to exchanges between Ciardi and Norman Cousins, managing editor of the magazine, regarding operational policy and procedures, the correspondence also includes reader responses, poems and essays submitted for publication, and literary controversies, such as Ciardi's review of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's collection of poems, *The Unicorn*, and his debate with Lord Dunsany concerning the state of contemporary poetry. Additional correspondence may be found in *Selected Letters of John Ciardi*, a published collection of letters to and from Ciardi from 1935 through 1986.

The [Professional File](#) reflects Ciardi's association with colleges and universities, the publishing industry, educational television, the promotion of writing and poetry, public speaking, and audio recordings. His years as a college professor are documented in files on Harvard College, Rutgers University, and the University of Missouri at Kansas City. His tenure at *Saturday Review* is covered in files by that name. His work as editor of poetry and science fiction at Twayne Publishers is also chronicled in the series. A sizable file of correspondence, primarily between Ciardi and Jacob Steinberg, managing editor and cofounder of the company, documents the establishment and operation of the publishing firm in its early years. Although "Unity of the Arts," Ciardi's 1958 proposal for an educational television series, failed to receive sponsorship, in 1961-1962 he did have a successful run with "Accent," which he hosted and narrated on the CBS Television Network. Both of these activities are documented in the Professional File.

Ciardi promoted the training of writers and poets through his participation in writing conferences and his twenty-five-year involvement with the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, seventeen of which he served as its director. His frequent public speaking engagements are noted in files related to general conferences, the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and Harry Walker, Inc., the speakers bureau which represented Ciardi. Ciardi was also involved with several companies which produced recordings of him reading his own poems and those of others. These activities are chronicled in files on Folkway Records, Harcourt, Brace & World, and the Library of Congress.

Poetry constitutes the largest section of the [Writings series in Part II](#). His column, "Manner of Speaking," appeared in *Saturday Review* for over a decade. Ciardi published over four dozen books, particularly collections of poetry and essays. There is also material related to his work during a twenty-year period in which he translated Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*. He published each part as he finished translating it and then published all three in a complete edition. Ciardi's program on National Public Radio, "A Word in Your Ear," is documented in radio scripts in the series. His pedagogical activities are reflected in files on anthologies and textbooks. The series also contains writings by others, many of which were complimentary copies from writers, poets, and playwrights who were friends of Ciardi, while other material was submitted by strangers for review or publication. Among these are a draft of Fletcher Pratt's proposed fourth biographical volume on Napoleon Bonaparte, a photocopy of Archibald MacLeish's director's copy of *J.B.: A Play in Verse*, poems by Richard Eberhard, John Holmes, Selwyn Schwartz, and Peter Viereck, a radioscript by Studs Terkel, and a short story by Stephen Vincent Benét.

The [Subject File](#) consists of awards, interviews, obituaries, military service records, newspaper clippings, painting and sculpture catalogs, photographs, material on Ciardi's student days at Bates College and Tufts University, and numerous writings about him. The series includes files on Ciardi's support for Henry Wallace and the Progressive Party in the 1947 presidential election, literary censorship, cancellation of speaking engagements at racially segregated conferences in Alabama and Mississippi during the 1960s, and the House Internal Security Committee which labeled him a "radical speaker" during the campus unrest of the 1960s. Additional files document Ciardi's fellowship from the American Academy in Rome in 1957, his membership in the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, and his involvement with the College English Association.

### **Part III**

Part III consists of material organized in four series. The [General Correspondence](#) series principally covers the years 1961-1962 and documents Ciardi's work as poetry editor at *Saturday Review*. Prominent correspondents include George Abbe, Roy P. Basler, Norman Cousins, J. Frank Dobie, Richard Eberhard, Dudley Fitts, John Holmes, Archibald MacLeish, Robert Pack, and Henry F. Thoma. Subjects in the correspondence include discussions between Norman Cousins and Ciardi regarding editorial matters, proposed literary projects with colleagues, reader response, and material submitted for publication.

The [Professional File](#) chronicles Ciardi's activities as a television personality, public speaker, magazine editor, and a poetry reader for commercial sound recordings. From 1961 through 1962 Ciardi was the host and narrator of "Accent," a documentary series on the CBS Television Network, and files under this heading contain ideas for shows, scripts, and an essay by Ciardi summarizing the cancellation of the series. Files related to Harry Walker, Inc., contain Ciardi's itineraries and expense accounts, reflecting his career as a public speaker. Many of his reviews of phonograph records are included in files related to the *Saturday Review*. Ciardi's recordings are also noted in the series.

Poetry covering a wide range of subjects constitutes the major portion of the material in the [Writings series of Part III](#). Articles, essays, and columns are also included, particularly Ciardi's column in the *Saturday Review*. The files also document many of Ciardi's collections of poetry and essays, such as *Dialogue with an Audience*, *In Fact*, and *Person*

to *Person*. Material related to his translation of Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy* is contained in the series as well. Representative of Ciardi's collections of children's poems are files on *An Alphabestiary*, *I Met a Man*, *The King Who Saved Himself from Being Saved*, *The Man Who Sang the Sillies*, and *The Monster Den*. In addition, there is material relating to limericks and textbooks as well as writing by others.

The [Subject File](#) reflects Ciardi's varied interests and activities. Ciardi's appearance as a witness in the trial regarding William Burrough's *Naked Lunch* is documented in a file on censorship. His cancellation of a speaking engagement at a racially segregated teachers' conference in Alabama in 1961 is chronicled in the Alabama Education Association file. His service as a consultant to the Special Committee on Student Publications is detailed in a Tufts University file. His interest in modern art is reflected in painting and sculpture catalogs he collected over the years. Samples of his own artistic renderings are found in the drawings file. Additional subjects include the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters and the Garden State Choral Society.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in three parts composed of twelve series:

### Part I:

- [Writings, 1957-1969](#)
- [Subject File, 1949-1972](#)
- [Part I: Oversize, undated](#)

### Part II:

- [General Correspondence, 1946-1991](#)
- [Professional File, 1936-1989](#)
- [Writings, 1910-1997](#)
- [Subject File, 1914-1987](#)
- [Oversize, 1960, undated](#)

### Part III:

- [General Correspondence, 1953-1985](#)
- [Professional File, 1961-1968](#)
- [Writings, 1947-1968](#)
- [Subject File, 1951-1965](#)

## Description of Series

Container	Series
BOX I:1-3	<p><b><u>Part I: Writings, 1957-1969</u></b></p> <p>Drafts, proofs, and printed versions of articles, books, columns, essays, and poems. Arranged alphabetically by type of writing, then alphabetically by title and type of material and chronologically therein. Articles, columns, essays, and poems lacking titles are alphabetized by their first line enclosed in brackets.</p>
BOX I:3	<p><b><u>Part I: Subject File, 1949-1972</u></b></p> <p>Articles, biographical material, columns, correspondence, essays, newspaper clippings, notes, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, or subject and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX I:OV 1	<p><b><u>Part I: Oversize, undated</u></b></p> <p>One poem. Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the item was removed.</p>
BOX II:1-12	<p><b><u>Part II: General Correspondence, 1946-1991</u></b></p> <p>Letters sent and received with enclosed and related matter. Arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically within the year.</p>
BOX II:13-18	<p><b><u>Part II: Professional File, 1936-1989</u></b></p> <p>Articles, brochures, contracts, correspondence, drafts, essays, expense accounts, itineraries, photographs, poetry reviews, press releases, reviews of phonograph recordings of poetry and drama, and material relating to publishing and sound recordings. Arranged alphabetically by type of material, name of organization, or subject and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX II:18-62	<p><b><u>Part II: Writings, 1910-1997</u></b></p> <p>Drafts, proofs, and printed versions of articles, book reviews, books, columns, essays, etymological dictionaries, limericks, poems, radio scripts, and speeches and lectures as well as advertisements, contracts, correspondence, press releases, royalty statements, and material relating to anthologies and textbooks. Arranged according to writings by Ciardi and by others and therein alphabetically by type of writing, title, or name of author. Articles, columns, essays, and poems lacking titles are alphabetized by their first line enclosed in brackets.</p>
BOX II:62-64	<p><b><u>Part II: Subject File, 1914-1987</u></b></p> <p>Art exhibition catalogs, articles, awards, biographical material, brochures, columns, correspondence, essays, information regarding Bates College and Tufts University, interviews with Ciardi, military service records, newspaper clippings, notes, obituaries, photographs, reports, writings about Ciardi, and miscellaneous material. Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, subject, or type of material and chronologically therein.</p>
BOX II:OV 1	<p><b><u>Part II: Oversize, 1960, undated</u></b></p> <p>Articles, essays, a poem, and one photograph.</p>



Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the material was removed.

BOX III:1-4

**Part III: General Correspondence, 1953-1985**

Letters sent and received with enclosed and related matter.

Arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically within the year.

BOX III:5-6

**Part III: Professional File, 1961-1968**

Articles, contracts, correspondence, essays, expense accounts, itineraries, reviews of phonograph recordings of poetry and drama, television scripts, and material relating to publishing and sound recordings.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material, name of organization, or subject and chronologically therein.

BOX III:6-23

**Part III: Writings, 1947-1968**

Drafts, proofs, and printed versions of aphorisms, articles, book reviews, books, columns, essays, limericks, notebooks, plays, poems, and speeches and lectures as well as correspondence and material relating to textbooks.

Arranged according to writings by Ciardi and by others and therein alphabetically by type of writing, title, or name of author. Articles, columns, essays, and poems lacking titles are alphabetized by first line enclosed in brackets.

BOX III:24

**Part III: Subject File, 1951-1965**

Art exhibition catalog, articles, drawings, correspondence, essays, information regarding Tufts University, investment material, newspaper clippings, writings about Ciardi, and miscellaneous material.

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, subject, or type of material and chronologically therein.

# Container List

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BOX I: 1	<p>Articles and essays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>“Angel-Fluffs, Savages, and Dispensable Adults,” undated</li><li>“Between Two Stones,” undated</li><li>“Charles Van Doren – Exit a Symbol,” 1959, undated</li><li>“Dear Perhaps World,” undated</li><li>“Epitaph for the Beat Generation,” circa 1960</li><li>“Jim Crow Is Treason,” 1960, undated <i>For additional material see Container I:3, Alabama Education Association</i></li><li>“Literature Undefended,” 1959</li><li>“On Tolerance and Enshrined Ideas,” undated</li><li>“On Writing Children's Poems,” 1961</li><li>“Out of the Rathole,” undated</li><li>“The Poem in Motion,” <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i> film script, 1966</li><li>“Poetry Is for Pleasure,” 1960</li><li>“Poetry Is (per)Form(ance),” 1957</li><li>“The Sound a Mind Makes,” 1962-1963</li><li>“State of the Nation: 1990,” undated</li><li>“This Year's Girls,” 1958</li></ul> <p>Unidentified fragments, undated</p> <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>The Divine Comedy, Paradiso</i> by Dante Alighieri, translation, cantos III, VIII-IX, XXV-XXXIII, notes and drafts, undated</li><li><i>I Marry You, A Sheaf of Love Poems</i>, draft and author's proofs, 1958, undated</li><li><i>I Met a Man</i>, draft, incomplete, undated</li><li><i>The Monster Den or Look What Happened at My House – And to It</i>, draft and author's proofs, 1966, undated</li><li><i>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You</i>, draft and author's proofs, 1962, undated</li></ul>
BOX I: 2	<p>Columns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Saturday Review</i>, “Manner of Speaking”</li><li>“Birth Control: Theology vs. Humanism,” circa 1968</li><li>[A Board of Education is a mighty instrument...], undated</li><li>“The Book Banners” <i>See Container I:3, Censorship, authority, and the Catholic church</i></li><li>“The Case of the Happy Plagiarist” <i>See Container I:3, Plagiarism</i></li><li>“Cases of Conscience” <i>See Container I:3, Council, James T.</i></li><li>“Children's Corner: About the Blabberhead, undated <i>For additional material see Container III:17, “About the Blabber-head”</i></li><li>“Children's Poetry,” undated</li></ul>

- “Confessions and Vengeances,” circa 1969  
“Confessions of a Crackpot,” undated  
“Dear N,” circa 1969  
“Dear Reader” [See Container I:3, Alabama Education Association](#)  
“Duel of Honor,” undated  
“The Editors Regret,” circa 1965  
[Every editor, I suppose, is beset by letters from students...], undated  
“A Frenzy without a Face,” undated  
[I began college teaching as an instructor...], undated  
“In the Stoneworks,” undated  
“Innocence and Other Drugs,” undated  
“Is Everybody Happy?” circa 1964  
“Lip Thinking,” undated  
“Mailbag” (first line “I don't think I ever really believed...”), undated  
“Memorials, Yes! This One, No,” circa 1964  
“The Middle Drawer,” circa 1964  
“Miss Myra and Small Benn and John L. – Those Three,” poem, circa 1963 [See also Container III:17, “And Here's What Happened Next or Those Three”](#)  
“The Monster Den,” circa 1964  
“Notes from the Monster Den,” circa 1963  
“Of Onomastics, Foibles, and Mercy,” 1963, undated  
“Para Derest,” undated  
“Poetry and Definition,” undated  
“A Praise of Good Teachers,” circa 1961  
“Sequel to Alabama” [See Container I:3, Alabama Education Association](#)  
“Sports Fever and Fevered Sports,” undated  
“Teach Them Tongues (If You Can),” 1962  
“Theodore Roethke: A Passion and a Maker,” circa 1963  
“These People,” undated  
“Tropic of Cancer” [See Container I:3, Censorship](#)  
“Venus, Adonis, and Incipient Geriatrics,” undated  
“What Is a Dictionary?” circa 1969  
“When Do They Know Too Much?” circa 1963
- Limericks, undated
- Poems
- A-B
- “About Being High-Hatted,” undated  
“About, Probably, Fox Bunions,” undated  
“About Rivers and Toes,” undated  
“Ah, John,” undated  
[An aliquod seen in the dark], undated  
“America,” undated  
“And Now Go to Sleep,” undated  
“The Answer,” undated  
“At Night,” undated  
“The Benefits of an Education,” undated

## Part I: Writings, 1957-1969

### Container

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“The Buffalo,” undated  
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#### C-E

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“Conversation at the Beach,” undated  
“A Crow's Long Scratch of Sound,” 1964  
“A Damnation of Pigeons,” undated  
“Diet,” undated  
“Dig Fast or Don't Dig at All,” undated  
[Everyone, I'm sure, has heard], undated  
“Exigesis [sic] of an Allegorical Text,” undated

#### F-G

“A Five Year Step,” undated  
“For John L.,” undated  
“Four Things to Note about a Goat,” undated  
“Friendship,” undated  
[A frog on a log by a lake], undated  
“From the Beating End of the Stethoscope,” undated  
“Galileo and the Laws,” undated  
“The Gallywumpus,” undated  
“The Gold Slug,” undated

#### H

[He said there was a Flubbersnack], undated  
“Hearsay Has It Auntie Is Coming to Dinner,” undated  
[Here's Benn's uniform. Look at that shoe!], undated  
“History Is What a Man Does,” undated

BOX I: 3

#### I-J

[I don't know you], undated  
[I met a polar bear among the floes], undated  
[I picked a dream out of my head], undated  
[I want to tell you], undated  
[I was not sleeping nor awake], undated  
[I woke in Florida, late & lazy], 1963  
[“If I may speak up,” said the lake], undated  
[If I were a mouse], undated  
[If you were a needle and I were a thread], undated  
“I'll Be Glad When This One Goes Home,” undated  
“Inscription for a Patriot's Tomb,” undated  
“Instances Toward, Perhaps, Understanding: I. Pico della Mirandola, II. Three Borgia's,”  
undated  
[John is wet and John is sad], undated  
“Just Look at this Mess!” undated

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“The Lesson for Tonight,” undated  
[The man leaves a doorway and may return], undated

## Part I: Writings, 1957-1969

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- [A man's what recognizes accident], undated  
"Moneybags Millikin Went to the Bank," undated  
"The Monster Den," undated  
"Morning," undated  
[My car breaks down near his house], undated  
"Nature Notes from Missouri," undated  
"Night Piece," undated  
"No," undated  
[No one ever heard Fillmore Clutch], 1962  
"The Onion Eaters," undated  
"Orgoglio," undated  
[Our group theatre was bulldozer Athenian], undated
- P-R
- [The pepper-and-salt man of considerations], undated  
"Person to Person," undated  
"Peter Peters," undated  
"Pete's Here," undated  
"Read This before You Come In," undated  
"Ritual," undated  
"The River," undated  
"Rules," undated
- S
- "Said the Man, Said His Wife," undated  
"Samson & Delilah," undated  
"Scene from a Theater of War," undated  
"Scuba," undated *See Part I: Oversize, I:OV 1*  
"The Shaft," undated  
"Sincerity," undated  
"Small Elegy," 1964  
[So many faces I saw, trembling to speak], undated  
[Some are boys and some are boisterous], undated  
[Some day after the day before], undated  
"Someone Asked Me," undated  
"Someone Threw a Fit at Bed Time But We Made Up," undated  
[Someone told me someone said], undated  
[Someone under a chestnut tree], undated  
[Somewhere in an armory grey gymnasium], undated  
"The Starry Heavens, the Moral Law," undated
- T
- "Talking Myself to Sleep in One More Hotel," undated  
[There once was a thingem-a-jig], undated  
[There was a boy who liked to tease], undated  
"Thirty-year Reunion," 1968  
[This concept with a hole in it], undated  
"To Nancy, on Not Going to the Ball," 1969  
"To Testify to One Man at a Time," undated

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“Trying to Remember,” undated  
W-Y  
[What is a girl to do], undated  
[What regiment, do you suppose], undated  
“What Someone Said after He Ate All the Cake,” undated  
[What's happening in Tantrum Town?], undated  
[When I got out of Tufts], undated  
[When you come to the door that isn't there], undated  
“The White Goddess,” undated  
“Why I Have to Wait All Day to Kiss Benn,” undated  
“You and I, Darling, and the Idiot Age,” undated  
Unidentified fragments, undated

BOX I:3

#### **Part I: Subject File, 1949-1972**

Articles, biographical material, columns, correspondence, essays, newspaper clippings, notes, and miscellaneous material.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, or subject and chronologically therein.

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Alabama Education Association, speaking engagement, 1960-1961  
Biographical material, 1972, undated  
Censorship, 1949-1962, undated  
Censorship, authority, and the Catholic church, 1962  
Council, James T., 1962-1963  
Miscellany, undated  
Painting exhibition material, 1962-1963  
Plagiarism, 1960-1961  
United States Information Service, English Teaching Forum, 1968

BOX I:OV 1

#### **Part I: Oversize, undated**

One poem.  
Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the item was removed.

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“Scuba,” undated (Container I:3)

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#### **Part II: General Correspondence, 1946-1991**

Letters sent and received with enclosed and related matter.  
Arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically within the year.

BOX II:1

1946-1955  
(3 folders)  
1956  
A-S  
(8 folders)

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BOX II:3	L-Z, unidentified (10 folders) 1958 A-D (4 folders)
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BOX II:5	C-Z, unidentified (16 folders)
BOX II:6	1960 A-W, unidentified (3 folders) 1961-1962 (5 folders) 1963 A-H (8 folders)
BOX II:7	I-W (11 folders) 1964 1965 A
BOX II:8	B-Me (11 folders)
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BOX II:10	Mi-Z (8 folders) 1967 1968 A-M (7 folders)
BOX II:11	N-W (5 folders) 1969-1970 (12 folders)

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BOX II:12	1971-1991, undated (22 folders)
BOX II:13-18	<b>Part II: Professional File, 1936-1989</b> Articles, brochures, contracts, correspondence, drafts, essays, expense accounts, itineraries, photographs, poetry reviews, press releases, reviews of phonograph recordings of poetry and drama, and material relating to publishing and sound recordings. Arranged alphabetically by type of material, name of organization, or subject and chronologically therein.
BOX II:13	“Accent,” CBS television program with Ciardi as host and narrator, 1961-1963 Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, Vt., 1955-1989, undated (3 folders) Conferences on writing and poetry Library of Congress Conference on Teaching Creative Writing, 1973 Miscellaneous, 1952, 1960, 1973-1986 (2 folders) Harry Walker, Inc., speakers bureau Advertisement, circa 1949 Correspondence, 1961-1967 Engagements, 1962-1975 Expense accounts, 1962-1965 (2 folders) Itineraries, 1962-1968 Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., 1939-1949, undated Middlebury College Library, Middlebury, Vt. 1964-1966
BOX II:14	1978 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Library, 1954-1955 Miscellaneous, 1953-1958 <i>Saturday Review</i> Letters to the editor regarding Ciardi, 1949, 1958 Photographs of poetry reviewers, 1948-1949, undated Poetry editor file 1956-1961 (8 folders)
BOX II:15	1962-1972 (20 folders)
BOX II:16	Poetry reviewers, 1948-1950 (2 folders) Poetry reviews by others, 1948-1949 (5 folders) Press releases and miscellany, 1955-1947, undated Reviews by Ciardi of phonograph recordings of poetry and drama, 1957-1966 Sound recordings by Ciardi Folkway Records, 1956-1966, undated



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- Harcourt, Brace & World, 1961-1966, undated  
(2 folders)  
Library of Congress, circa 1971
- BOX II:17** Twayne Publishers  
Correspondence, 1949-1952  
(11 folders)  
Miscellaneous, 1953-1956, undated  
Science fiction anthology, working title "The Unimagined Universe"  
Correspondence, 1952-1953, undated  
(3 folders)  
Foreword by Ciardi, "Science Fiction – What Is It?" 1953  
List of contributors, 1952  
Texts, 1948-1952, undated  
*What Happened in Salem?*  
Correspondence, undated  
Sample assignments for college term paper project, undated  
*Witches Three*  
Correspondence, 1952, undated  
Jacket note, 1951  
Publisher's note, undated
- BOX II:18** "Unity of the Arts," proposed series for educational television with Ciardi as host and narrator, 1958, undated  
University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo., 1936-1941, undated  
(5 folders)
- BOX II:18-62** **Part II: Writings, 1910-1997**  
Drafts, proofs, and printed versions of articles, book reviews, books, columns, essays, etymological dictionaries, limericks, poems, radio scripts, and speeches and lectures as well as advertisements, contracts, correspondence, press releases, royalty statements, and material relating to anthologies and textbooks.  
Arranged according to writings by Ciardi and by others and therein alphabetically by type of writing, title, or name of author. Articles, columns, essays, and poems lacking titles are alphabetized by their first line enclosed in brackets.
- BOX II:18** By Ciardi  
Anthologies  
*Kansas City Outloud*, edited by Dan Jaffe with introduction by Ciardi ("Kansas City Softspoken"), draft and printed version, 1975, undated  
*New Poets: An Anthology of Seven Young Contemporary Poets*, including thirteen poems by Ciardi, printed version, 1941  
*New World Writing*, "Poems: Selected, with an Introduction, by John Ciardi," printed version, pp. 100-101, 1956  
*Twentieth Century American Poets*, correspondence with publisher, 1960-1961, undated  
Unidentified poetry collection, "Introduction" by Ciardi, undated  
Articles and essays  
Ac-Ad  
"The Act of Language," 1960 *See also Container II:OV 1*  
"Adam and Eve and the Third Son," 1964

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BOX II:19

#### Am-Ar

- [The American culture as a whole has never paid much attention to poetry], undated
- “The Anger,” undated
- “The Arts in 1975,” 1976

#### Autobiographical essays

##### I-XIV

- [When I was forty-five...], undated
- [In Vermont, behind the house...], undated
- [*Truth in Advertising*...], undated
- [I no longer go to the world...], undated
- [I had my first teaching job...], undated
- [My godfather...], undated
- [Long drives...], 1978
- [In 1950...], undated
- [*A Visit*], undated
- [I was on Saipan...], undated
- [I read galleys...], 1961
- [My father-in-law...], undated
- “Cats? Rats!” undated
- “On Learning No Trick at All from an Unteachable Old Dog,” undated

##### XV-XIX

- “It Never Cost Me Anything to Say ‘Sir,’” 1970
- [Worksheets for *Lives of X*], undated
- [On a half-pay sabbatical...], undated
- [I was hardly home...], circa 1984
- [Let's go to New York...], undated

##### XX-XXX

- “Nepotism Revisited,” circa 1976
- “Golden Goosery,” undated
- [There are not many felons in my town...], circa 1971
- [Dear Appalled...], undated
- “The Surreal Road,” circa 1971
- “The Bourgeois Radical,” 1970
- [I found myself in San Francisco...], undated
- [By a trick of history...], undated
- “Briarley,” undated
- [The plane was an old F-27...], circa 1961
- [We had a summer affair...], circa 1961

##### XXXI-XL

- “On Virtue and Poetry,” 1976
- [In October in Rome...], undated
- [The summer arts festival...], undated
- [It doesn't take much reason...], 1985-1986
- “Identity,” undated
- [Automotive designers...], undated
- [Look, you don't want to think], undated

[Judge (Judge = George)...], undated

“An Appeal to Reason,” circa 1971

“Between Two Stones,” 1969

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“Punctuation,” undated

[In Rome in February of 1951...], undated

[Finding that apartment...], undated

[On sabbatical from Harvard...], 1951

[These poems are not arranged...], circa 1984

Addenda

“About Being Born, and Surviving It,” 1985

“Postscript,” undated

“Funerary Arrangements,” undated

“Wilson Library Bulletin Autobiography,” 1964

Ca-Ci

“Can Art Be Taught?” undated

“Can Language Still Communicate?” 1980

“Cid Corman,” 1947

“The City” (first line “Art is a social phenomenon”), undated

“The City” (first line “A very tidy place you have”), 1942

Com-Cou

“Comments on Theodore Roethke,” 1969

“Counter/Measure: X.J. Kennedy on Form, Meter, and Rime,” circa 1973

D

“The Decline and Fall of Kansas City,” undated

“Dialogue with an Audience: The First Seven Years,” 1963

“Dialogue with the Audience: What Sort of Human Behavior Is a Poem?” undated

“Do You Really Want a Coat of Arms?” 1977

E

“E. L. Mayo – A Modern Metaphysical,” 1947

“The Economics of Poetry” (first line “Everyone lives with his native eccentricities”), undated

“The Economics of Poetry” (first line “No good poet writing in America...”), undated

“Endowment Fund Announced for Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Writers of Children's Books,” undated

“The English As She Is Spoke,” undated

“An Evening with Ted Roethke,” 1967

[Every age has its enshrined ideas...], undated

“Everyone Wants To Be Published, But...,” 1976

F

“The First American Bestseller,” 1938

“Folk Etymology – Wrong, and Wrong Again,” 1979

“The Future of Art,” undated

H

“Heart of America,” undated

“Homo Loquens,” 1982

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[I think I'm through with pretending to understand the younger generation], undated [See also Container II:OV 1](#)

“An Impish Look at the Ghosts of Language Past,” 1980

“In and Out of the Dictionary,” 1976

“In Case You Get Saved,” 1973

“In Praise of Disbelief,” 1960

### Ins-It

“Inside a Poem with the Poet,” 1958

“Is There a Vandal in Your Family Tree?” 1976

“Italy: The Sense of Rapture,” undated

“It's OK with the Locofocos,” undated

### J-M

“J.B. Revisited,” undated

“John Frederick Nims and the Modern Idiom,” 1947

“Liberal Arts and the Arts,” 1964

“Literature undefended,” 1959

“Mary and Matthew,” 1937

“The Metaphysical Conceit,” undated

“Municipal Rivalry and Western Journalism,” undated

### N

“The Nature of Poetry,” 1960

“Non-fiction – Whatever That Is,” undated

“Nurses As Writers,” 1970-1971

“Nutty But Sincere,” 1973

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### O

“Oedipus and Charlie,” undated

“On (Half) Rhyming Dante,” 1954

“On the Importance of Unimportant Poems,” 1982

“On the Impossibility of Translating Poetry,” 1954

### P

“Peter Viereck – The Poet and the Form,” undated

“Place,” undated

“A Plea for Witches,” 1952

“Poetry and the Practical Man,” 1955

“Poetry and the University Presses,” undated

“Poetry As Knowledge,” 1961

“Poetry for Pleasure,” 1960

“Poetry in Three Dimensions,” 1963

### R

“Radio,” 1946

“Rilkean Nonsense,” undated

“Robert Frost: American Bard,” 1962

“Rummage Sale on (More or Less) Parnassus,” undated

### Sc-Si

“Scholars and Gentlemen,” undated

“The Semantics of Race,” undated

- “Sentient Universe,” undated  
“Shore-Scene,” 1936  
“Short-Change,” 1935  
“Should Poetry Be Talked about at All?” undated  
“The Silences of Poetry,” 1958
- Sm-Sp  
“The Small Private College,” undated  
“Spook Etymology,” 1981
- T-U  
“To My Generation,” 1947  
“Toward the Century Mark and for the Centuries: A Visit with Robert Frost,” undated  
“U.S. Noose and Whirled Report,” undated  
“An Ulcer, Gentlemen, Is an Unwritten Poem,” 1955
- Wa-What  
[Wallace Stevens is dead...], undated  
“Walt Whitman,” undated  
“The Well Read Man,” 1963  
“What Good Is Poetry?” undated
- What's-Wo  
“What's in a Name?” 1976  
“William Carlos Williams and His Poetry,” 1983  
“Winfield Townley Scott,” undated  
“Words for the Holidays,” 1978
- Book reviews  
Alling, Kenneth, *Kingdom of Diagonals*, undated  
Anania, Michael, *Riversongs*, 1978  
Bogan, Louise, *Achievement in American Poetry 1900-1950*, undated  
Booth, Philip, *Available Light*, undated  
*Borestone Mountain Poetry Awards*, undated  
Burke, Kenneth, *Book of Moments*, 1955  
Campbell, Roy, *Selected Poems*, undated  
*A Child's History of America*, written and illustrated by America's children, circa 1976  
Cleland, John, *Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure*, undated  
Crews, Harry, *Walk in the Country*, undated  
Cullen, Countee, *On These I Stand*, 1947  
Deutsch, Babette, *Poetry in Our Time*, undated  
Emrich, Duncan, *American Folk Poetry: An Anthology*, 1974  
Evans, Oliver, *Young Man with a Screwdriver*, undated  
Farber, Norma, et al., *Poets of Today, II*, undated  
FitzGerald, Frances, *America Revisited*, undated  
Graves, Robert, *New Collected Poems*, undated  
*Happy Birthday America*, 1976  
Ingalls, Mildred, *The Metaphysical Sword*, 1941  
Isaacs, J., *The Background of Modern Poetry*, undated  
Johnson, Thomas H.  
*Emily Dickinson, An Interpretive Biography*, undated

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Leet, Judith, *Pleasure Seeker's Guide*, undated  
Multiple reviews, undated  
*New Poems by American Poets*, undated  
Percy, Walker, *The Message in the Bottle*, undated  
Scott, Winfield Townley, *Mr. Whittier and Other Poems*, undated  
Sewell, Elizabeth, *The Structure of Poetry*, 1952  
Sexton, Anne, *45 Mercy Street*, undated  
Sullivan, A. M., *Stars and Atoms Have No Size*, 1947  
Swenson, Mary, *Almanac*, undated  
Vittorini, Elio, *In Sicily*, 1949  
Williams, Miller, *Halfway from Hoxie*, 1974  
Williams, William Carlos, *The Desert Music and Other Poems*, 1954
- BOX II:21 Books  
*39 Poems*  
Advertisement, undated  
Author's proofs, 1959  
Book reviews, 1960  
Printed version, corrected text copy, 1959  
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*As If: Poems New and Selected*  
Advertisement, undated  
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*The Birds of Pompeii*  
Announcement of poetry reading and publicity, 1985  
Draft, undated
- BOX II:22  
*Ciardi Himself: Fifteen Essays in the Reading, Writing, and Teaching of Poetry*  
Draft, 1964, undated  
Material not used, undated  
*The Collected Poems of John Ciardi*, edited by Edward M. Cifelli  
Advertisement, 1997  
Book reviews, 1997  
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*Dialogue with an Audience*  
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	<i>Fast and Slow: Poems for Advanced Children and Beginning Parents</i>
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Book review, 1962-1963, undated  
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	Columns
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	[About twenty years ago I wrote a book of poems...], undated
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  - [For the last eighteen years...] re translation of Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*, undated
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  - [I didn't always have children], circa 1964
  - [I had forgotten Craig...], undated
  - [I had set out to be self-indulgent...], undated
  - [I happened to sit in once on a short educational film called, simply enough, Zinnia], undated
  - [I have never been one of Mr. Agnew's admirers...], undated
  - [I keep turning corners in my mind...], undated
  - [I once put in a twenty-year stint...], undated
  - [I quote from memory at the risk of a twisted word...], undated
- I taste-In
  - “I Taste at the Root of the Tongue,” undated
  - [I was somewhere en route to this confessional memoir last week...], undated
  - [The ideal dictionary – and it is yet to come – would be a data retrieval system], undated
  - [Ignorance is what all men have in common], undated
  - “In and Out of the Dictionary,” undated
  - [In his last bardic phase Robert Frost...], undated
  - [In my study the pen wilts in my hand], undated

Ind-L

- “Indolence,” undated
- “Inspiration and Society,” undated
- [It is your language, but do you speak it or only slur it...], undated
- [It was a long ride from here to there and nothing outside was changing], undated
- “Labor,” undated
- [Language is everyone's property, but unequally], undated
- [Let A equal the right impulses of the day, and let X, in its various manifestations...], undated
- “Let Me Make One Thing More-or-less Clear,” undated
- “Letters (And a Memo) Composed But Never Sent,” undated
- “The Liar,” undated
- “Lit Hemlocks,” undated
- “*Lo nonno*,” undated

BOX II:52

Ma-Me

- “Mailbag” (first line “The incoming mail has been outdoing me...”), circa 1970
- “Mailbag” (first line “Years ago I gave up going to New York”), undated
- “Mailbag Continued: Knocking the Hornswogglers Galleywest,” undated
- “Mailbag: Give Us This Day Our Daily Mail,” undated
- “Mailbag: Sharing the Wealth with an Avalanche,” undated
- “Mailbag: Term Paper Time,” undated
- [Man is the ape with the crystal ball...], undated
- [“Man,” said the after-dinner eminence, “is terminal”], undated
- “Meaning and Metaphor,” circa 1963

Mi-My

- “Miglins,” undated
- “The Miracle,” undated
- “More Hooch,” undated
- “More of the Mailbag: Continued from the Last Column,” undated
- [Most classroom discussion of poetry turns out to be appreciation...], undated
- [Mr. Richard M. Nixon is being subpoenaed to appear...], undated
- [My host drove me to my hotel and stayed for a night cap], undated

Ne-No

- “Neighborhood,” undated
- “Nightmare: You Wake Up One Morning and...,” undated
- “No Subject” (first line “A boy is a possibility looking for itself in all directions”), undated
- “No Subject” (first line “I talked to some college students...”), undated
- “No Subject” (first line “Knowledge gropes toward a vocabulary”), undated
- “No Subject” (first line “The shades of night were falling fast...”), undated

Not-Pl

- [Not a dictionary, not inclusive, not meant to give every meaning of every word...], undated
- [Not long ago, after an evening lecture...], undated
- “Of Poetry and Sloganeering,” undated
- “Of Soul and Talent,” undated
- “On Fixes and Being in a Fix,” undated

- “On Good Poetry,” undated  
[Once a year without fail...], undated  
[One of the differences between ancient and modern man...], undated  
“Over and Out,” undated  
[The passion flower is designed by Walt Disney Studios], undated  
“Pedantries,” undated  
[Plato's literary criticism was based on the idea that we become what we contemplate], undated
- Po-Ri
- “The Poet As a Con Man,” undated  
“Poet in America,” undated  
“Poetry – In Which Language?” undated  
[Poetry is illusion...], circa 1971  
[*Poetry*, usually referred to as *Poetry. Chicago* was founded in 1912 by Harriet Monroe], undated  
[“Prof,” the coach said from midway in his fourth drink...], undated  
“Pow! Zap! Blooie! O Heavenly Heart!” undated  
[Readers may have guessed by now that I have fallen into the dictionary], undated  
[Richard M. Nixon, a private citizen...], undated
- Ro-Sp
- “Robert Frost: Some Anecdotes,” undated  
“Robert Frost: Two Anecdotes,” undated  
[Say nothing but the words that say themselves...], 1964  
“The Search for Identity – But Whose?” undated  
“Second Notice,” undated  
[Several times during the last year I have sat over bourbon with good artists...], undated  
“Shock Language,” undated  
[So much for the question put in highest terms], undated  
[Sometimes a poem can be a way of getting something out of your system], undated  
[Spiro Agnew has been talking...], undated
- Su-The
- “Success,” 1971  
“Summer Diary: Gardening Is No Hobby,” undated  
“The Sympathy Swindle,” undated  
“Thank You for Taking the Trouble to Express Your Sentiments, But No Thanks”  
[There had been three of us...], undated  
[There were forty Arabs and ten cops...], undated
- Thi-U
- “The Third Room,” undated  
“Thirty-seven Characters in Search of No Subject,” undated  
“To Archie, With Love, and More,” undated  
“Twentieth-century Poetry and Nineteenth-century Readers,” undated  
[The universe of early men generally had some sort of nervous system built into it], undated  
[Unless a man is up for the dawn...], undated  
[Uncle Travis is a dead set sort of man...], undated

V-What is

- “The Vanishing Patois,” undated
- “Walk with Light Only,” undated
- [We used to play a party game called phantasy...], undated
- [Weeds had taken hold in the gravel of my driveway...], undated
- “What about Inspiration?” undated
- [What art and professionalism have in common is specialization], undated
- “What Good Is It?” undated
- “What Happened To It?” undated
- “What Is a Dictionary?” undated

What language-Who

- “What Language Do You Speak?” undated
- “What Language Does It Change?” undated
- “What Shall I Do, What Shall I Ever Do?” undated
- [What troubled me as I walked up the street...], undated
- “When Is a Vanity Press Vanity?” undated
- “Who Are We?” undated

Why-Y

- “Why Johnny Is Just Possibly Dead Right in Not Even Wanting To Read,” undated
- “The Widow-maker,” undated
- “Winter Grapes,” undated
- [“Wisdom” is a precious word], undated
- “Words in the World,” undated
- “Worm's Eye View,” undated
- “The Yellow File,” undated
- “The Young Defenders,” undated

Unidentified fragments, undated

Chronological file, by publication

*Saturday Review*, “Manner of Speaking”

1961-1962  
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1963-1972  
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*World*, “As I Was Saying,” 1972-1973, undated

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*Saturday Review/World*, “Manner of Speaking,” 1973-1974

(3 folders)

*Saturday Review*, “Manner of Speaking,” 1975-1977, undated

(4 folders)

Unidentified magazine, byline “Why Do We Say It That Way?,” undated

Interview, “World within Views: An Interview with Stephen Spender,” circa 1951

Introduction to *The Craft of Writing* by William Sloane, 1976

Limericks, undated

A-In

- An anti-church harlot named Rhonda
- As Dame Eleanor came through the door
- At a serious bar in Bel Air



At the Pan-Hell Olympics last week  
A bellhop I met in D.C.  
A candidate known for his bulsh  
Cleopatra, when sex was still new to 'er  
A clever young fellow named Taft  
A conservative lady named Tabor  
A dashing young fellow from Alder  
A devout but ambiguous maid  
A drunken old tar from Saint Clements  
An eager young coed named Fox  
An efficient young lady of Rome  
A generous young lady from Troy  
The goliard keeney, Roberto  
Have you heard about Mrs. Cotell?  
Here lies an old stinker from Stoneham  
A horrible brat from Belgravia  
I am told by our local M.D.  
I don't give a damn, by and large  
I doubt that much more will be heard  
I feel sorry for young Dr. Dow  
I know an old harlot named Triskett  
"I made you," said God to Anopheles  
I once met a scholar who knew  
I really don't know about Jim  
I said to a lady named Charlee  
I said to the neighborhood whore  
I was taught at Miss Jones' Upper School  
I was told by a mathematician  
"If that is an ace up your sleeve"  
An ill-advised salesman named Wade  
"I'm not sure I know what you mean"  
In Sherwood one day bluff Friar Tuck  
An insomniac young fellow named Hatches

Is-S

"Is it too much to ask," said Lord Rayne  
A jealous old dotard named Blair  
The lady in suite 7-C  
The late poet Wystan Hugh Aud'n  
A luscious young R.N. from Florida  
A middle aged lady named Brewer  
"My dear unwed Mother," said Clancy  
My wife doesn't feel that I oughter  
A newly found Latin inscription  
"No! No!" said a man so penurious  
A nostalgic old harlot from Brewster  
Of all the men Marion had

On the talk show last night, Dr. Ellis  
One dark night a lady from Snelling  
Our neighborhood whore is no beauty  
A personnel person from Cobb  
A pious old lady of Brewster  
A pious young maiden named Dexter  
A pointless old miser named Quince  
Remember the night when Bill Bly  
Said a girl who was forced to go Dutch  
Said a hesitant youth from Siberia  
Said a kindly old daddy named Carson  
Said a learned old man of Brabant  
Said a middle aged housewife named Pratt  
Said a salty old Skipper of Wales  
Said a silly young man so penurious  
Said a simple young thing from Latrop  
Said a snobbish young lad from Metz  
Said a thrice-tested young man named Landis  
Said a voice from the back of the car  
Said a wicked old madam named Belle  
Said an airy young lady from Metz  
Said an old slut, "My memory is poor"  
Said Calpurnia, "Though I must render"  
Said her Grace, "I impose one condition"  
Said Miguel to the Gringo, "Senor"  
Said Socrates, keeping his poise  
Said Sophocles, putting his X  
Said the Dean, "I don't care what you think"  
Said the madam to girls seeking places  
"Senorita," said Luis del Re  
A shepherd who came from Bangkok  
Sir, the chef's in a bit of a stew  
Slim, the wrangler, went into cahoots  
Surprised in the bed of Lord Brightley  
There once was  
There once was a blighter so poor  
There once was a bra Scottish sentry  
There once was a cute little cookie  
There once was a diddlesome lass  
There once was a girl – a humdinger –  
There once was a girl from Bermuda  
There once was a girl from Haw Creek  
There once was a girl from New Haven  
There once was a girl from Red Hook  
There once was a girl home from school  
There once was a girl of the West

There once was a girl with a mole  
There once was a girl who took classes  
There once was a lady named Billie  
There once was a learned guru  
There once was a man from the Fleet  
There once was a startled young Syrian  
There once was a stripper who stripped  
There once was an actress named Tibbet  
There once was an Arab so poor  
There once was an upcoming lad

There was

There was a girl guide of Lucerne  
There was a magician named Carr  
There was a male chauvinist pig  
There was a masseuse at the club  
There was a stout lad of the Fleet  
There was a young devil named Stu  
There was a young fellow from Bingham  
There was a young fellow from Kent  
There was a young fellow from Macon  
There was a young fellow from Maine  
There was a young fellow named Fred  
There was a young fellow named Gil  
There was a young fellow named Hodge  
There was a young fellow named Pfister  
There was a young fellow named Phil  
There was a young fellow named Shear  
There was a young fellow named Spiegel  
There was a young fellow so poor  
There was a young husband named Irving  
There was a young lady from Brest  
There was a young lady from Hannibal  
There was a young lady from Lester  
There was a young lady from Rhesus  
There was a young lady from Rome  
There was a young lady from Rye  
There was a young lady named Beryl  
There was a young lady named Burr  
There was a young lady named Candy  
There was a young lady named Jo  
There was a young lady named Laura  
There was a young lady named Meg  
There was a young lady named Rose  
There was a young lady named Stein  
There was a young lady named Vesta  
There was a young lady named Wright

There was a young lady of Mass  
There was a young lady of parts  
There was a young lady who wouldn't  
There was a young lady whose taste  
There was a young man at Twin Lakes  
There was a young man from Belle Isle  
There was a young man from Cape Horn  
There was a young man from Dumfries  
There was a young man from Flammonde  
There was a young man from Montrose  
There was a young man from the Nile  
There was a young man of Des Moines  
There was a young man so penurious  
There was a young man with a rod  
There was a young pilot from Bangor  
There was a young scoundrel named Sly  
There was a young toper named Reg  
There was a young wife from Peoria  
There was a young wife named Cotell  
There was an ex-Wave with a suite  
There was an old fellow from Keene  
There was an old geezer who tried  
There was an old lady named Clarke  
There was an old lecher named Fred  
There was an old lecher named Ike  
There was an old lecherous earl  
There was an old maid from Cape Hatteras

There's-Y

There's a girl there on Marathon Key  
There's a lady in suite 7-C  
There's a poor teeny-bopper in Wichita  
To her beau said a co-ed named Good  
To her friend said a young divorcee  
To his brood said a kindly old Dad  
To his girl said a Cornish marine  
A toast to the lady vice-cop  
The Tri-Delts are under a cloud  
Vicar Smedley, our pie-in-the-sky man  
A wandering minstrel named Gay  
Watch out for that old broad from Metz  
What a temperate man Dr. Wise is  
A widow of some fashion kept  
“Yes, mother, it's starting to show”  
“Yes, of course,” said a girl from Latrop  
A young baseball groupie named Ritter  
A young ghost from old Bangladesh

A young mountain climber named Frazier

A young public steno from Surrey

Poems

Numbers, undated

“2:00 a.m.” (first line “I changed the baby, fed it, dithered”) *See also Container II:56, “For Jonnel out of the Album”*

“2:00 a.m.” (first line “I was bleeding checks at the dining room table”)

“3:00 a.m.”

“3:00 to 5:00 a.m.”

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“11:02 a.m. The Bird Disappeared”

“1976”

Ab-Am

“About Farming in New England,” undated

“The Abstract Calorie” *See Container II:59, “Two for Gertrude Kasle”*

“Abstracts,” undated

“Actions,” undated

[An actor who played Benito Mussolini once], undated

“Addio,” undated

[Adolf Hitler was not an uncivilized man], undated

“After a Night That Came to Nothing,” undated

“After Sunday Dinner We Uncles Snooze,” 1958

“Again,” 1978

“The Aging Lovers,” undated

“Agreement,” undated

“Air Raid,” undated

“Alec,” 1974-1979, undated

[All jets fly to the world's end], undated

[All loves, I think, are possible and true], undated

[All winter I kept the cocoon], undated

[The almost-aging but still skittish waiting-to-be early grandmother], undated

[Althea suffers], undated

[Always the rain made him think of the dead], undated

“Amalfi,” 1958, undated

“Amoeba,” 1947

An-Any

“And a Little Less Chatter – Please!” undated

[And if I break a shadow to a boy], undated

“And in Central Park Oldenburg's Designed Grave,” undated

“And on Some Days I Might Take Less,” 1974

“And You?” undated

“The Animal of It,” undated

“Announcement,” undated

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“An Answer to My Son: Who Asked Me about a Quotation from Rilke,” undated

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- “An Antarctic Hymn,” undated  
“Antiphony” (first line “He looked through horn-rimmed spectacles”), 1937  
“Antiphony” (first line “And Gilbert hearing this would rise and damn”), undated *See*  
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“Any Next Year,” undated
- Apa-Apo  
“An Apartment with a View,” undated  
“The Aphrodite Madonna,” undated  
“An Apology for a Lost Classicism,” undated  
“An Apology for Not Invoking the Muse,” 1973, undated  
“Apostolic Chorus,” 1947
- BOX II:55 Aq-Av  
“Aquarium” (first line “Fish in their room full of mirrors enter the light”), undated  
“Aquarium” (first line “There is almost no such fish as this”), undated  
“Ars Gratia Artis,” undated  
“Art in Aberrica [sic],” undated  
[As I was going down Mudhole Street], undated  
“As Theory Is No Tree,” undated  
“At a Hospital Window,” 1958-1960  
“At Cocktails: For Fletcher and Inga,” 1958  
“At Halftime,” undated  
[At the archeological dig], undated  
“At the Window,” undated  
“At Uncle John's Funeral,” undated  
“Audit at Key West,” 1983, undated  
“Avant Garde,” undated  
“Avis Hurts,” undated
- Ba-Bei  
“Ballad of the Ikendick,” 1958  
“Barmecide Feast,” undated  
“Bashing the Babies: Easter 1968,” 1968  
“Battlefields,” undated  
“Beached,” undated  
“Being and Telling,” undated  
“Being Called,” undated
- Benefits  
“The Benefits of an Education: Boston, 1931,” 1968, undated
- Bet-Bi  
“Better Than All These,” undated  
[Better to try for salvation], undated  
“Between,” undated  
“Bicentennial Poem,” undated  
“Big-Word-on-Campus,” undated  
“The Bird in Whatever Name,” 1961  
[Bird song itself is an accident], undated  
“Birthday,” 1976-1979, undated

Bl-Bu

- [The blade that filled the clay pit went away], undated
- "A Blade's the Aphid's Pasture," undated
- "Blink," undated
- "Blue Movie," undated *See also Container II:OV 1*
- "Bomb in the Tower of London," undated
- "A Box Comes Home," 1955
- "Boy," 1940
- "Bridal Photo, 1906," undated
- "A Buddha Seen As the Thing Least Like Me," 1968
- "Bufo Vulgaris," undated
- "The Bugle-Billed Bazoo," 1961
- "Bus Baxter Retires," undated
- "Buying an Automatic," 1972, undated
- "Buying and Selling," undated

Ca-Ci

- "Cain," 1938
- "Calvin Watt," undated
- "Can You Tell Me Why?" undated
- [The Capitoline is rocky], undated
- "The Catalpa," 1983
- "Censorship," 1978
- "Child Picking His Nose," 1964
- [Children ought really not to try], undated
- "Choosing," undated
- "CIA," undated
- "Circles, Centers," undated
- "Citation," undated
- "Citation on Retirement," undated
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Cl-Cr

- "Clearing the Air," undated
- "Cliff Dwellers," undated
- "Clipper Museum," undated
- "Coast Road," undated
- [Collating the dead for the restoration of Eden], undated
- [The Common Blue Preposterous], undated
- "Commutation: For Walker Percy," 1978, undated
- "A Conversation with Leonardo," 1973, undated
- "Corpus Christi," undated
- "Counting the Wolves," undated
- "The Cow," undated
- "Craft," undated

Da-De

- "Damn Her," 1961
- "A Damnation of Doves," undated

“The Damned,” undated  
“The Dangers of Tri-D,” undated  
“Darling,” undated  
“Dawn” (first line “A twitter in the thicket starts it”), undated  
“Dawn” (first line “My window silvers”), undated  
“A Day in the Life of,” undated  
[Days when there is no sky], undated  
“The Dead Being Unreal, the Young Unmade, I Choose the Old,” undated  
“Dear Sir,” 1988  
“Death Bed Scene,” undated  
“Death of a Bomber” *See Container II:57, “Ode to My Bomber and Other Poems”*  
“Declaration” *See Container II:58, “To the Man with a Soul”*  
[Describe yourself], undated

Dia-Div

“Dialogue,” 1959  
“A Dialogue in the Stoneworks,” undated  
“Dialogue with Outer Space,” undated  
“Diary: After the Bolshoi,” undated  
“Diary Entry,” undated  
“Differences,” 1973, undated  
“Directions,” undated  
“Directives,” undated  
“Divorced, Husband Demolishes House: News Item,” 1961

Do-Du

[“Do you like your life?”], undated  
“Doggy,” undated  
“Doing, Being, Telling,” undated  
“The Dollar Dog” (first line “A dollar dog is all mixed up”), undated  
“The Dollar Dog” (first line “I had a dollar dog named Spot”), undated  
“Domesticity,” 1968  
“Donne ch'avete intelletto d'amore: An Elegy for the American School System,” 1979, undated  
“Don't Get Confused,” undated  
“Don't Miss Your Chance,” 1975  
“Don't Say Me, They Say,” undated  
“Doodles,” undated  
“Dragons,” 1961  
“A Dream,” 1958  
“Driving across the American Desert and Thinking of the Sahara,” undated  
“Ducks,” undated  
“Due Process,” undated

Ea-En

“East Sixties,” undated  
“Ed 10 rispasi,” undated  
“Elegy” (first line “Viking the cat”), undated  
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	“Encounter,” undated
	“The Enormous Cocoon,” undated
	Epil-Epit
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	“Epitaph,” 1961
	“Epithalamium at St. Michael’s Cemetery,” undated
	Et-Ex
	“Etude,” 1940
	“An Evening of the Private Eye,” undated
	[Everytime I read another first], undated
	“Everywhere That Universe,” 1961
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BOX II:56	Fa-Fe
	[The faces I tried to live in], undated
	“The Fantasy Echo,” undated
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	“Favi and Aristotle,” undated
	“Feasts,” undated
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	“First Autumn after a War,” undated
	“First Summer after a War,” 1947
	“Firsts,” 1976-1979, undated
	“A Five-year Step,” 1968, undated
	Fl-Fr
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	“The Fluffies,” undated
	“Flying to Chicago en route to California Tomorrow after Being in Leningrad Yesterday, and Last Night in North Philadelphia,” undated
	“F.M. Wireless Intercom,” undated
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	“For Example,” undated
	“For Ezra Pound,” 1957
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[The formerly resolute and once dashing career lieutenant], undated

“Fragment,” undated

“Frammento di un Bassorilievo,” 1979

“From a Dictaphone Tape,” undated

“From a Train Window,” undated

Ga-Go

“Galvanometric,” undated

“Generation Gap,” undated

“Genesis,” undated

“The Gift,” undated

“Gilbert and God and I” *See Container II:58, “To the Man with a Soul”*

“Giuseppe Ungaretti in Oklahoma,” undated

[The glory does come], undated

“God,” 1988

“Going to the Dogs,” undated

[Gone for a word, gone for a fact], undated

“Good Cause,” undated

“Good Morning,” undated

[The goose-stepping sergeant bawling the firing squad], undated

“Government by Law,” undated

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“The Graph,” undated

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Gray-Gu

“Gray Mornings,” undated

“Grojewski,” undated

“A Gross of Sterling Loving Cups,” undated

“A Guide to Self-analysis,” undated

“Guilt,” undated

“Gulls Land and Cease to Be,” 1965-1968

Ha-Higher

“Have I Said It True?” undated

[“Have you sought counsel of the godly?”], undated

[He died. In a poem long as a hospital], undated

[He left me waiting in his impressive office], undated

“Hera,” undated

“A Hereafter,” undated

“Heroism Is Really Important,” undated

“High and Low Motives,” undated

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“The Highest Place in Town,” undated

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“History Is What a Man Does,” undated

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“Homage to Jacques Lipchitz,” 1959  
“Homage to Lorca,” undated  
“Hotel Room,” undated  
[How early does a girl know she's a girl?], undated  
[How much a man listens], 1958  
“How to Do Anything at All,” undated  
“How to Drown a Frog,” undated  
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“Humphrey,” 1938  
“Hunger,” undated

I am-I had

[I am half in favor of any reality], undated  
[I can explain everything – but slowly], undated  
[I don't think you remember], undated  
[[I got a Dear John letter once], undated  
[I had a dog for fourteen years], undated

I Hate-I woke

“I Hate to Wait,” 1961  
[I have a man that I can fold], undated  
[I knew a man who spent all day], undated  
[I know no reason for you], undated  
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“I paesaggi del mio nome,” 1979  
[I pray you, then, as a man may pray], undated  
[I put a rose up to my nose], undated  
[I remember a fish from the back slopes], undated  
[I remember a Japanese pilot who never returned], undated  
[I saved the apple I bought with last month's pay], undated  
[I say in dispraise of this age in its luminous rot], undated  
[I shine for the fox], undated  
[I should like to kill. But whom?], undated  
“I Think – And Therefore,” undated  
[I think I could have done better from the start], undated  
[I used to make love the ways jocks collect cups], undated  
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- Viereck, Peter
  - “Facing Feared Problems,” typescript, undated
  - “The New Guest Promenades with a Feather in His Cap,” printed version, 1948
- Weiss, T.
  - “A Canticle,” typescript, undated
  - “Domestic Poem,” typescript, undated
  - “Domestic Poem 2,” typescript, undated
  - “The Greater Music,” typescript, undated
  - “The Shield,” typescript, undated
  - “So He Was Sung,” typescript, undated
  - “Through the Strings,” typescript, undated
- Williams, Miller
  - “If I Said I Love You Would You? No.” typescript, undated
  - “Love Story,” typescript, undated
- Unidentified
  - “Aesthetics,” typescript, undated
  - “Austere Landscape,” typescript, undated
  - “Clarity,” typescript, undated
  - “The Dream,” typescript, undated
  - “Flumen Tenebrarum,” holograph, undated
  - “Good Friday Rain,” typescript, undated
  - “In the Elegy Season,” typescript, undated
  - “The Verbalist of Summer,” typescript, undated
- Radio script by Studs Terkel, “Eulogy for Three Non-adjusted Men,” undated
- Short stories
  - Arlen, Michael, “The Man with the Broken Nose,” printed version, 1924
  - Benét, Stephen Vincent, “A Gentleman of Fortune,” typescript, 1946
  - Caldwell, Erskine, “The Medicine Man,” printed version, undated
  - Connell, Richard, “The Law Beaters,” printed version, 1928
  - Crowell, Chester T., “Ironfoot Eases Out,” printed version, 1927
  - Dahl, Roald, “Edward the Conqueror,” typescript and printed version, 1953
  - Hellman, Sam, “Rerouting Rufe,” typescript, 1927
  - Hooper, Johnson J., “Simon Suggs Attends a Camp-Meeting,” typescript, undated
  - Kirkpatrick, Smith, “Silence,” printed version, undated
  - Lincoln, Joseph C., “Ogden Williams and the Johnny-cake,” typescript, 1910
  - Pratt, Fletcher
    - “The Heavenly Twins,” typescript, undated
    - “Junior,” typescript, undated
    - “The Necessity for Witches,” typescript, undated
    - “Potemkin Village,” typescript, undated
  - Price, Charles, “A Notorious Swindler and Forger,” typescript, undated
  - Raven, Charles, “The Passing of a Master Mind,” printed version, 1953
  - Sher, Benjamin Richard, “Rubber Heels,” typescript, 1925
  - Viereck, Peter, “Hurrah for Karamazov!” printed version, undated

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- Waugh, Evelyn, "Bella Fleace Gave a Party," printed version, undated
- BOX II:62-64**      **Part II: Subject File, 1914-1987**  
Art exhibition catalogs, articles, awards, biographical material, brochures, columns, correspondence, essays, information regarding Bates College and Tufts University, interviews with Ciardi, military service records, newspaper clippings, notes, obituaries, photographs, reports, writings about Ciardi, and miscellaneous material.  
Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, subject, or type of material and chronologically therein.
- BOX II:62**      American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, New York, N.Y., 1948-1962, undated  
                  (2 folders)  
                  American Academy in Rome, Rome, Italy, 1957-1959  
                  (2 folders)
- BOX II:63**      Awards, honors, etc., 1959-1983  
                  B-29 bombers, 1985-1987  
                  Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, 1970  
                  Biographical material, 1955-1972, undated  
                  CEA Institute (College English Association), Northampton, Mass., 1953-1954  
                  Censorship, 1958-1959, undated  
                  Death of Ciardi  
                  Memorial booklet, 1987  
                  Obituaries, 1986  
                  "Dippy," Ciardi family dog, 1964-1969  
                  Drawings of Ciardi, 1967  
                  English instruction at the high school level, deterioration of, 1960, undated  
                  Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., 1964  
                  Frost, Robert, eighty-fifth birthday celebration, 26 March 1959  
                  House Internal Security Committee, list of "radical speakers" on college campuses, 1970-1971  
                  Interviews with Ciardi, 1958-1961, 1987  
                  Joyce, James, 1914-1915  
                  *Kaleidoscope*, student literary publication, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, Sudbury, Mass., 1963-1967  
                  Kansas City Poetry Contests, Kansas City, Mo., 1964  
                  Military service records, 1945-1963  
                  Miscellany  
                  1941-1983  
                  (2 folders)
- BOX II:64**      Undated  
                  Painting and sculpture exhibition catalogs, 1948-1984  
                  (2 folders)  
                  Photographs  
                  Arkansas Poetry Day Proclamation, Ciardi with others, 15 Oct. 1981  
                  Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, honorary degree, Apr. 1970  
                  Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ciardi with others, circa 1950s  
                  Ciardi children, circa 1956  
                  Ciardi home, Metuchen, N.J., interior, undated  
                  Ciardi, single shots, 1960, undated *See also Container II:OV 1, same heading*

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BOX II:OV 1	<b>Part II: Oversize, 1960, undated</b> Articles, essays, a poem, and one photograph. Arranged and described according to the series and container from which the material was removed.
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BOX III:1-4	<b>Part III: General Correspondence, 1953-1985</b> Letters sent and received with enclosed and related matter. Arranged chronologically by year and alphabetically within the year.
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BOX III: 2	1961 A-R (6 folders)
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1963-1968, undated  
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Articles, contracts, correspondence, essays, expense accounts, itineraries, reviews of phonograph recordings of poetry and drama, television scripts, and material relating to publishing and sound recordings.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material, name of organization, or subject and chronologically therein.

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“Accent,” CBS television program with Ciardi as host and narrator

Contract, 1961

Essay, “Accent: Over and Out,” circa 1962

Ideas for shows, undated

Miscellany, 1961-1962

Television scripts

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Oct. 20, “The Rebellious Mind,” 1961

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Nov. 11, “Eero Saarinen: An Appreciation,” 1961

Dec., “A Memoir: 1961,” 1961

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1962

July 19, “The Unreal West,” 1962

July 22, “The Gambling American,” 1962

Undated

“The Aspen Idea”

“Pearl Harbor: Unforgotten”

Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Ripton, Vt., 1960-1967, undated

Harry Walker, Inc., speakers bureau

Contract rider, undated

Expense accounts, 1959-1964, undated

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*Saturday Review*

Miscellany, undated

Reviews by Ciardi of phonograph recordings of poetry and drama, 1961-1965, undated

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Rexroth, Kenneth, reviews of great books, 1965

Sound recordings by Ciardi, Harcourt, Brace & World, 1961

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Drafts, proofs, and printed versions of aphorisms, articles, book reviews, books, columns, essays, limericks, notebooks, plays, poems, and speeches and lectures as well as correspondence and material relating to textbooks.

Arranged according to writings by Ciardi and by others and therein alphabetically by type of writing, title, or name of author. Articles, columns, essays, and poems lacking titles are alphabetized by first line enclosed in brackets.

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(2 folders)

Ang-Any

“Angel-Fluffs, Savages, and Dispensable Adults,” undated

[Any man, as I believe I read in the Bill of Rights...], undated

B-E

“Bread Loaf, USA,” undated

[The big package is marked “Truth – Idle with Care”], undated

“Dear Kip,” undated

“The Detroit Follies,” undated

“E. L. Mayo – A Modern Metaphysical,” 1947

[Epiphanius Wilson, A.M., is not a name that reverberates...], undated

[Every generation of poets has its would-be law-givers...], undated

[Everyone hopes a little], undated

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“A Fable of the Father of Assassins,” undated

“A Faith for Life in Literature?” undated

H

[Harvard has required no defense from me and I have made none], undated *See Container II:64, Progressive Party, and Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 278-279*

[Here comes 1968, and if only as a collector of lost causes...], circa 1967

[The hospital corridor, dimmed for the night watch of sleep...], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 225-235*

“How to Read Dante,” 1961

I

“Italy: The Sense of Rapture,” undated

J-M

“Jim Crow Is Treason,” 1960

“Last November,” undated

“Milton Hebal,” circa 1963

“Morals, Anyone? or What Good Is Literature, Anyhow?” undated

[My wife and I puzzled at the thing for a while...], undated

O

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“On Writing and Bad Writing,” 1962

Poet

“The Poet and the Politician,” 1960, undated

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Poet's-Poetry As

[The poet's eye is a trained eye], undated

“Poetry and Metaphor,” undated

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“Poetry and the High School System,” undated  
“Poetry As Knowledge: A Dialogue with a Realist,” undated

#### Poetry in-Prose

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“Poetry Is for Pleasure,” 1960 *See Container III:16, Notebook A, pp. 21-39*  
“Poetry: The Word and the Image,” 1964  
[PR men don't care – so long as it makes a noise], undated  
“Prose Poems from the Journal of Lazarus Smith,” undated

#### Q-R

“Quotations for Mr. R. J. Dandenau,” undated  
“The Relevance of *The Inferno*,” undated  
“Rico Lebrun and Dante,” undated  
[Robert Frost's eighty-eighth birthday...], undated

#### Sm-Som

“The Small Private College,” undated  
[Some of the fast burners know it, even advertize it], undated  
[Some parts of Nettie Forbish's nervous system...], undated

#### Son-Su

“Song for an Allegorical Play,” 1962  
“Statement by the Library Board,” undated  
[Summer in New York is the time when the side street hotels...], undated

#### There

[There are good signs that New Jersey is determined...], undated  
[There is power in the American people], circa 1968

#### This-Two

“This Side of the Mirror,” undated  
[This Spring John O'Hara was given the Award of Merit Medal for the Novel...],  
undated  
“Thomas Stearns Eliot, 1888-1964,” undated  
“Translation: The Art of Failure,” 1961  
[The true poet must love his art enough to honor it...], undated  
[Two years ago, after an evening lecture at a good Catholic girls' college...], undated

#### V-W

“Veterans Day,” 1961  
“What Every Writer Must Learn,” 1956  
“What Is Modern Poetry?” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 31-35*  
“What Makes It a Poem?” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook A, pp. 9-15*  
“Work Habits of Writers,” 1965

Unidentified fragments, undated  
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Arthos, John, *Dante, Michelangelo and Milton*, undated  
Braine, John, *Life at the Top*, 1962  
Cameron, Kenneth Neil, editor, *Shelley and His Circle, 1773-1822*, 1961  
Cleland, John, *Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure*, undated  
Cummings, E. E., *73 Poems*, 1963  
Faulkner, William, *The Wishing Tree*, 1967

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- Frost, Robert, *In the Clearing*, 1962  
Fruchter, Norman, *Coat upon a Stick*, undated  
Holmes, John, *Writing Poetry*, 1960  
O'Hara, John, *From the Terrace*, undated
- Books
- An Alfabestiary*  
Author's proofs, 1966  
Draft, undated  
(2 folders)  
Galley proofs, 1965
- As If: Poems New and Selected*, printer's copy, 1955  
*Dialogue with an Audience*, introduction, drafts, 1962, undated  
*Divine Comedy* by Dante Alighieri, translation  
*Inferno*, translator's note, printer's copy, undated  
*Purgatorio*  
Correspondence, 1960-1961  
Drafts  
Holograph, cantos III, IV, XVI, XIX, and miscellany, undated  
Typescript C with notes by editor, 1961  
(7 folders)  
Printed versions, cantos XIX and XXVII, 1959-1960, undated  
Translator's note, typescript, undated
- Paradiso*  
Drafts  
Holograph, cantos I, VII, IX, XXIX, and miscellany, undated  
Typescript, cantos I, III, XXXI, and XXXIII, undated  
Printed version, canto XXI, 1967
- I Met a Man*  
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Drafts  
Holograph, undated  
Typescript, 1959  
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Printer's copy, undated
- In Fact*  
Author's proofs, 1962-1963  
Drafts  
Typescript A, undated  
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- In the Stoneworks*, table of contents, undated  
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	<i>The Monster Den or Look What Happened at My House – And to It</i>
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	Page proofs
	Printer's copy (2 folders)
	<i>Scrappy the Pup</i> , book reviews, 1960
	<i>Treat It Gentle: An Autobiography</i> [of jazz musician Sidney Bechet], edited by Joan Reid, Desmond Flower, and John Ciardi, book reviews, 1960-1961
	<i>The Wish Tree</i> , correspondence with publisher, 1962
	Columns
	<i>Saturday Review</i> , “Manner of Speaking”
	“1962,” Ab-Ac
	[The 1962 automobiles are currently having their horns blown...], undated
	“About (Maybe) the Sources of Certainty,” undated
“Across the River and into New Jersey,” 1961	
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“The Age of Permission,” undated	
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“Alcohol and Civilization,” undated	
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- “The Book Banners,” undated  
“The Book Banners Again (And Again and Again),” undated  
“Book Banning and Juvenile Delinquency,” undated
- Bookkeepers  
“Bookkeepers and Keepers of Books: A Note to (Some) Librarians,” 1961
- Bre-Bri  
“Bread Loaf Time, Mountain Time,” undated  
“Bringing Down the Odds,” undated
- Ca-Cho  
“A Cadillac Full of Diamonds,” undated  
[The Camels sign that has been blowing something like smoke rings into Times Square...], undated  
“The Case of the Happy Plagiarist,” undated [See same container, “Dear Reader, III,” and \*Container III:16, Notebook A, p.53\*](#)  
“The Categorizing Mind,” undated  
“Caviar and the General: A Hamlet Diary,” 1963  
“Choose Something like a Star,” undated  
“Choosing,” undated
- Chr-Col  
“Chrysanthemums,” undated  
“Class of ’38,” undated  
“Coconuts,” undated  
“Color, Creed, and Nation of Origin,” undated
- Con-Cou  
“Confessions of a Circuit Rider,” undated  
“Confessions of a Circuit Rider, I,” undated  
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“Confessions of a Circuit Rider, III,” undated  
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“Congratulations to David Denker – And to the NYMC,” undated  
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“Cuckoo, Jug-jug, Poo-wee, Tu-wit-a-woo,” undated
- Da-De  
“Damnation of Pigeons,” undated  
“Dear Editor: How Do I Become a Writer?” undated  
“Dear Reader, I” (first essay published in “Manner of Speaking”), 1961  
“Dear Reader, II,” undated  
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- “Dossiers and an Atmosphere of Discussion,” 1962
- Ed-Ep
  - “The Editors Regret,” undated
  - [Edward Estlin Cummings, later to become a literary revolution...], undated
  - “Elephantiasis,” undated
  - “End of Summer,” undated
  - “Epatiez les Bourgeoises? Not Bloody Likely,” 1963
- Ev-Ex
  - “Eve: An Expert View,” 1966
  - [Every nation tends to develop some central expression of that collective we call a culture], undated
  - [Everytime I set forth my opposition to book censorship...], undated
  - “Expert Witness,” 1965
- Fab-Fat
  - “A Fable of Four Fools and a Bartender,” undated
  - “The Family of Ideas,” undated
  - “Fantasy Life, the Human Condition, and Deep Thoughts (Or, No Subject),” undated
  - “Fatso and Bourbon: A Last Mailbag on the Subject,” 1966
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  - “Fragment of a Document Found in Disabled Time Machine,” undated
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  - “Fruit,” undated
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  - “Grant's Whom?” undated
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  - “Hair Styles and Harebrains,” 1964-1965
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  - “Honesty,” undated
  - “How Free Is Free Verse?” undated
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  - [I hope Captain Kyser will forgive...], undated
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  - [If man's adaptability to change is the measure of his strength...], undated

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“In Boston,” undated

“In Copenhagen I Could Not Sleep,” undated

“In Defense of Dreams,” 1963

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“In November the Avalanche,” undated

“Inside Mississippi,” undated

“Introducing,” undated

“Iowa: The Yokel Apotheosis,” undated

“Is Everybody Happy?” undated

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#### La-Lik

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“The Lecture Circuit (Airborne Division),” undated

“Life without TV,” undated

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#### Lio-Lo

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“Long Water Going,” 1967

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“Looking Back,” undated

“The Lost Season,” undated

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“Mailbag” (first line “One everlasting question out of the mailbag runs...”), undated

“Mailbag” (first line “The two following letters arrived from Minnesota...”), undated

“Mailbag” (first line “This column for September 1965...”), undated

“Mailbag: (A Letter to Would-be Summer Editors),” 1965

“Mailbag: Dear Indignant Ladies, No,” undated

“Mailbag: File X,” 1965

“Mailbag: Had He His Wounds Before?” undated

#### Mailbag: International-Mailbag: On

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“Mailbag: M.B.G.,” undated

“Mailbag: On Innocence,” 1965

#### Mailbag: The-Mea

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- “Mailbag: The Poets,” undated
- “The Marquis de Sade, I,” undated
- “The Marquis de Sade, II,” undated
- “Mass Miseducation,” undated
- “Meanders: Stars for Israel,” undated
- Mee-Met
  - “Meet Sugar Bear,” undated
  - “Memoirs of 1967,” undated
  - “Memorials, Yes! This One, No,” circa 1964
  - “Metaphor and Parlor Games,” undated
- Mo-Mu
  - “More Aphorisms,” undated
  - “More Positive Expressions,” 1962
  - “Mosquito Bites,” undated
  - “Mr. Chairman, Fellow Citizens,” undated
  - “Mumpsimus,” undated
- Nam-Natu
  - “Naming of Parts,” undated
  - “A National Cultural Center,” 1962
  - “Natural Propositions,” 1964
- Ne-Notes of
  - “New York: Don’t Say Hello,” undated
  - “New York on Tap,” undated
  - “News,” undated
  - “No Subject” (first line “Now and then when I have my car in New York...”), undated
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  - “Notes from the Pencil-stub Journals (Work in Progress),” undated
  - “Notes of a Beleaguered Husband,” undated
- Notes on-Nu
  - “Notes on Form As a Language,” undated
  - “Notes: The Big Idea,” undated
  - “Nothing Is Easy (And Yet All Is to Hope),” undated
  - “Now Hear This, General Hershey,” undated
  - “Numb Nothing,” undated
- Ob-Of
  - “Obscenity and Books,” undated
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  - “Of Man and Manifestoes,” undated
  - “Of Poetry and Sloganeering,” undated
  - “Of Writers and Writing,” undated
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  - “Paterfamilias,” undated
  - “Picking a College,” 1963
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  - “Prejudices and Damnations,” undated
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  - “Religion and Citizenship,” undated
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  - “The Right to Read,” 1965
  - “Righteous Indignation,” undated
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  - “Robert Frost: The Way to the Poem,” undated
  - “A Roethke Memorial,” 1966
  - “Ruminants and Factitioners,” 1963
- Sa
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  - [A short while ago, as a symbol of American intellect...], undated
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- “Solemnity and Frivolity, or What Else Is Doing This Week?” undated
- “Some Postscripts for (and about) Robert Frost,” 1962
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- “Spectaculars,” undated
- “Sports Fever and Fevered Sports,” undated
- “Spring,” undated

### St-Sw

- “Status? No Thanks. Make Mine Survival,” undated
- “Still in Defense,” undated
- “Student Publications and the Tufts Plan (Or Alma Mater, Yours in Pride),” undated  
*See also Container III:24, Tufts University*
- “Subject Matter,” undated
- “Sweepings: Item One,” undated

### Tab-Tau

- “Table of Organization,” 1963
- “Taurus Revisited, or Was That Bull Irish?” 1964

### Tha-Tho

- “Thank You, No,” undated
- “Theodore Roethke,” 1965
- “Theory of Games,” undated
- “Thomas Hart Benton,” undated

### To-Too

- “To Be Sure,” 1963
- “To Speak an Age,” undated
- “To the Damnation of Deans (A Prejudice),” undated
- “Tom Perry, Won't You Please Call Back,” undated
- “Too Late for Drums?” 1963

### Tow-TV

- “Toward a More Militant Uncertainty,” 1967
- “Traffic Jam at Yellowstone: An Open Letter to Secretary Udall,” undated
- “The Tragedy Maker,” undated
- “Trial of a Poet,” undated
- “Tribute,” 1961
- “The Trivial History of Our Times,” undated
- “Tropic of Cancer,” undated
- “Truth, Metaphor, and the Universe,” undated
- “TV and J. Frank Dobie,” undated
- “TV and the Script,” undated

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### U-V

- “Unsolicited Opening Day Address by Proxy,” undated
- “US Noose and Whirled Report,” undated
- “The Vice-Presidency (An Official Appraisal),” undated
- “The Voice of Robert Frost,” undated
- “Voices,” undated

Wa-When

- “Wanted: A Bank for People,” 1961
- “War Surplus,” undated
- “The Wasteland,” undated
- “We Are Not Alone,” 1962
- “What Do We Do Now?” undated
- “What Do You Owe the Ones Below?” undated
- “What Is a Poem?” undated
- “What Is Pornography?” 1963
- “What Is Your Definition of Poetry?” 1966
- [When *Leaves of Grass* was first published in 1855, it contained twelve poems], undated

Who-Wi

- “Who Writes the Contract?” 1965
- “William Carlos Williams, 1883-1962,” 1962
- “Wit and Grace,” 1966

Wo

- [The world is forever arranging odd confrontations], undated
- “The World Well Lost, But Happy New Year Anyhow,” undated
- “The World's Largest Crucifix,” undated

Y

- “A Year-end Dialogue with Outer Space,” undated
- “Year's End When Leaves Fall,” undated
- “Year's End, Year's Beginning,” 1961
- “Yes, Wow!” 1963

Unidentified fragments, undated  
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Limericks

A-O

- “Assurance,” undated
- “Auden Limerick,” undated
- An author who liked to spin tales, undated
- “Breeding Will Tell,” undated
- “Ecco Maria dei Fiore,” circa 1967
- A Feeble's too thin to be clear, undated
- I just saw a cage at the Zoo, undated
- I strung my brand new bow with care, undated
- If it takes you the whole blessed year, undated
- “A Local Feat,” undated
- Most Feebles are scarcer than much, undated
- “My sons,” said a slug slurping soup, undated
- “Of a Long Surmise,” undated
- “One Gets What One Pays for, Doesn't One?” undated

S-U

- A sad lonesome wolf, a poor sinner, undated
- So don't be so creep-along slow, undated
- There once was a boy from Dubuque, undated

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There once was a boy with a nose, undated  
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There once was a star in the sky, undated  
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There was a young fellow from Macon, undated  
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There was a young fellow named Mike, undated  
There was a young lady from Gloucester, undated  
There was a young man who felt old, undated  
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#### Notebooks

A (pp. 1-228), circa 1959-1960, undated

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#### Plays

*Baxter's Landing*, drafts, undated

*Search for Identity*, draft, undated

#### Poems

Lists of titles, undated

#### Numbers

“5:00 a.m.,” undated

“The 900 Days of Leningrad,” undated

“1960,” undated *See same container, Notebook C, pp. 109, 131*

#### A-Ab

[A is for ants. No one knows], undated *See same container, Notebook C, p. 33*

“About Crows,” undated

“About Eskimos,” undated

“About Rivers and Toes,” undated

“About the Blabber-head,” circa 1962

“Absence,” undated

#### Ac-Al

“An Academic Homage to Cesar Borgia,” undated

“The Acrobatic Hero: Robin Hood,” circa 1948 *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 158-159*

“Adam the Husband,” undated

“Advertisement for a Reader,” undated

“The Aerialists,” undated



[After 7 days of no-calory food], undated  
“After a Fire,” undated  
“After the Party,” undated  
“An Afternoon in the Park,” undated  
“Afternoon of a Thicket,” undated  
[The agony of the white Negro], undated  
[Ah, could we wake in mercy's name], undated  
[Ah Ruth! Ah Youth! Oh darkening fate], undated  
[Albert, much in love with Belle], undated  
“The Aliquod,” undated  
[All right, there is no reason for], undated  
[All the pet shops were advertizing non-rabid bats], undated  
“Allegiance,” undated  
[Always say “Yes, Sir,” “No, Sir,” “Please”], undated

Am-Ar

“America,” undated  
[Among the more effective, though lesser known], undated  
[Among the several lost generations always available], undated *See Container III: 16, Notebook B, pp. 41-43, 64-65*  
[An unknown god, half bored by his eternity], undated  
“And Here's What Happened Next or Those Three,” undated  
[And I want to say I am glad we met], undated  
“And Now Go to Sleep,” undated  
“And Off He Went As Proud As You Please,” undated  
[And when you sit alone, perhaps], undated  
“An Answer to My Son: Who Asked Me about a Quotation from Rilke,” undated  
“Anticlimax,” undated  
[Any man – God, if he had the money – ], undated  
“Aquarium,” undated  
“Are We through Talking, I Hope?” undated  
“Arrival from Cytherian,” circa 1967  
“Ars Poetica,” undated  
[Arvin Marvin Lillisbee Fitch], undated

As-At

[As I rowed out to the light house], undated  
“As I Was Picking a Bobble-bud,” undated  
[As soon as no one is looking], undated  
“As Theory Is No Tree,” undated  
[Assume that all we most fear will come true], undated *For additional material see same container, Notebook C, p. 135*  
[Astonishing, how little there is to hide], undated  
[At 4:00 a.m. in jet stream between IDL], undated  
[At first flower of the easy day], undated  
[At first light in the shadow, over the roach], undated  
[At Genoa we walked hours in the dark], undated  
“At Home Invitation for My Lousy Friends,” undated  
[At Madison and Twenty-third], undated

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“At My Father's Grave,” undated  
“At Night,” undated  
[At what point, I wonder, does], undated

#### B-Bed

[B is for bombers, our national pride], undated *See same container, Notebook C, p. 33*  
[Baby sister is small as – this], undated  
“Back through the Looking Glass to This Side,” undated  
“A Ballad of Teleologies,” undated  
“Bashing the Babies – Easter, 1968,” undated  
“Because I Only Have Two Weeks Vacation and the First Is Gone,” undated  
“Bedlam Revisited,” undated *For additional material see same container, Notebook C, pp. 71-75, 88-89 (first line “Nobody told me anything much. I was born”) and Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 211 (first line “I went into a store and bought some shoes”)*

#### Bee-Bil

“Bees and Morning Glories,” undated  
“Before First Light Had Reached through Mist I Woke,” undated  
[Before I die, said the unemployed stonecutter], undated  
[Ben Mirksy was doing especially nothing], undated  
“Benn,” undated  
“The Best of the Word,” undated  
[The bets lie and the numbers dance], undated  
[Between my right big toe and my bent], undated  
[The billboard of a calendar blows away], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 141-144*  
“Billy and the Wogs,” undated

#### Bio-Box

“Biography,” undated  
“Biography and Commentary,” undated  
“Bird Song,” undated  
[The bird that meant to sing became a crow], undated  
[A bird with a name it does not itself], undated *See same container, Notebook C, pp. 30-31*  
[Bird-brain took a train], undated  
“Birds,” undated  
“Birds, Like Thoughts,” undated  
[The birds begin the jargon before light], undated  
[Birds make their nests of it. They come and go], undated  
“Blue,” undated  
“A Book Mark,” circa 1963  
“Book Review,” undated  
[The books I have not read in], undated  
“A Box Comes Home,” 1955

#### Boy-By

“Boy,” 1964  
“Brother Chairman,” undated  
“Buddy,” undated

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“The Buffalo,” undated  
“Bug Raid: The Hollywood Front,” undated  
“By a Mountain Pool after a Swim,” undated  
[By days, by dwindlings, by the ash of rage], undated  
[By Raritan's waters I sat and cried], circa 1967  
[By the beard of Allah, by the radiance], undated

#### C-Ci

[C is for camel. A very *right* beast], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 35*  
[Came troopers in their polished meat], undated  
“Capella at My Window,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 37*  
“Car Permit 3673, Wisc. E81 492,” undated  
“Carving,” undated  
“The Cat under the Bird Bath,” undated  
“The Catalpa,” undated  
[A chicken run fussed morning at one ear], undated  
“The Children,” undated  
“Chinatown,” undated  
“A Chipmunk in Lilac Took One Look,” undated  
[Chorus for a hot wet night. Starts with a buzz. Then impatiently one speaks], undated

#### C-Ci

“Christmas Greetings to the American Dream,” undated  
“Citation,” undated  
“Citation on Retirement,” undated

#### Cl-Cr

“Class B,” undated  
“The Colonist,” undated  
“The Colossus in Quicksand,” undated  
“Come Morning,” 1961-1962  
“Coming Home on the 5:22,” undated  
[Consider the prayer of the Baptist turned Swami], undated  
“Connecticut River,” undated  
“Conversation at the Zoo,” 1957  
“The Convert,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 47, 95-99*  
“Coq au Vin,” undated  
“Corrazon da Luca,” undated  
“Counting on Flowers,” undated  
“Crapulent in Brambles,” undated  
“A Critical Mass,” undated  
“The Crocodile's Grin, By and Large, Has a Humor Too Much of Its Own,” undated  
“A Crow's Long Scratch of Sound,” undated  
“Crystal Night,” undated

#### Da-Dea

“Daemons,” undated  
[Dan Dunder is a blunder], undated  
[Dante invented Hell from metaphors], undated  
“A Dark Stairwell,” undated

“A Dawn That Misfired,” undated  
[The day before the egg hatched empty], undated  
[The day I bought the biggest car in the world], undated  
[The day I can tear up my pass-], undated  
“The Day No Wolf Comes There Are No Wolves,” undated  
“The Day the Box Offices Closed,” undated  
[The day the good gray Whosit went out of], undated  
[Days when he could not reach to language], undated  
[D-day], undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 34](#)  
“Dead,” undated  
[Dear Dave: yr. poem from Wigglesworth], undated  
“Dear Mr. Aratake,” undated  
[The death by numbers of unknown persons], undated  
“Death Is Always a Proper Name,” undated

Dec-Dre

[December tomorrow, and a half-summer still], undated  
“Defeat,” undated  
“Devotions,” undated  
“Dialogue,” undated  
“Dialogue in a Skin Factory,” undated  
“A Dialogue in the Shade,” undated [For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 58-59 \(first line “Said the Damaged Angel to the Improved Ape”\)](#)  
“Dig Fast or Don't Dig at All,” undated  
“Dinner in Chinatown,” undated  
“Divorced, Husband Demolishes House: News Item,” undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 38-39](#)  
[The dog that loved my scout master], undated  
[A dog with a tin can tied to his tail is no philosopher], undated  
“Dogs and Foxes,” undated  
“The Dolls,” undated  
[Don Miguel Dominquin, the matador], undated  
“Don't Say Me, ' They Say,” undated  
“Don't Scowl,” undated  
“Doorway on a Side Street,” undated  
“Dragons,” undated  
“The Dream,” undated  
[The dream again of what we are], undated  
[The dream offered itself like a theatre], undated [See Container III:16, Notebook A, pp. 17-19](#)

Dri-Dw

[Drinking milk with Christians at 40,000 ft.], undated  
“The Drunken Astronaut,” undated  
“Dust Storm: Kansas City,” undated  
“Dusts of the Sun,” 1963  
[The dusts of this and that war], undated  
“Dutch Elm Disease,” undated  
[A dwindledom, and not too bad], undated

Ea-Epitaph

- “The East Wall of This Room Was Last Month's Calendar,” undated
- [The egg a chick pokes its head out of], undated
- “Egrets,” undated
- “Egyptian Grain,” undated
- “Elegy” (first line “My father was born with a spade in his hand and traded it”), 1955
- “Elegy” (first line “Nothing would come of this”), undated
- “Elegy” (first line “The little one”), undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 36-37*
- “Elegy” (first line “This is the body of my good gray dead”), undated
- “Elegy” (first line “Viking the cat”), undated
- [Eleven men in an evidence of guns and flying clothes], undated
- “Ella,” undated
- [The end of June's its garden; July, its Fall], undated
- “Entrance into the God-boned Season,” undated
- [The epicure in the fantasy ward], undated
- “Epilogue,” undated
- “Epitaph” (first line “At fifty-four in a suburb of the easily fed”), undated
- “Epitaph” (first line “Here, time concurring (and it does)”), 1960
- “Epitaph” (first line “I knew him. He”), undated

Epitaph-Exu

- “Epitaph” (first line “It takes a genius to drown in”), undated
- “Epitaph” (first line “The mass ungathered forever by rolling”), undated
- “Epithalamium at St. Michael's Cemetery,” undated
- “Evensong,” 1963
- “Everyone Has a Proper Name He Can't Pronounce,” undated
- [Everyone you know...], undated
- [Everytime we put crumbs out something], undated
- [Everytime you are sleeping and I], undated
- “Exclamatory Sonnet to a Receding Tide at Sunover,” undated
- “An Exuberance,” undated

Fa-Form

- “A Fable of Survival,” 1962
- [Fast as you can count to ten], undated
- “Feb. 11, 1948,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 154-155*
- [Fever's a swimming place deeper than even], undated
- “Fiddle Practice,” undated
- [First, that all governments are stupid], undated
- [The first time a girl let me I], undated
- [A fisherman wrote to his daughter], undated
- [The fist of man that throws his bones like dice], undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 90-91*
- “Flight,” undated
- [A flower that no one ever saw], undated
- “A Fool Too Fast,” 1968, undated
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- “For a Schnorrer Who Is Also My Friend, Within Limits,” undated

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“For Clavia on a Rejection Slip,” undated  
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“For Karl Shapiro, on *The Bourgeois Poet*,” undated  
“For Kenneth Rexroth,” undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 25-26](#)  
“For Someone on His Tenth Birthday,” undated  
“For – Who Else? – Jack – That's Whom,” undated  
“The Formalities,” undated

#### Fort-Fr

[Forty-four nuns slant in pairs], undated  
“Four Things To Note about a Goat,” undated  
“The Fox,” undated  
[A fox and a hen went out one day], undated  
“Fragment,” undated  
[Free I am busy. Put me in a cage], undated  
[Friday's deaths are Monday's burying], undated  
“Friendship,” undated  
[A frightful child], undated  
“From Carthage Then I Went,” undated  
[From some who are not at all plausible], undated  
“From the Beating End of the Stethoscope,” undated

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#### G

“Galileo and the Laws,” undated  
“A Genesis” (first line “All day the boom wind swung against the shore”), undated  
“Genesis” (first line “Where the snake held its feasts”), undated  
[The gist of us may just be], undated  
[God knows it goes well: make a heaven-list], undated  
[God what a thing! Poor Rico], undated  
[God's cave was the first dark. A tallow deep], undated  
“Going Home,” undated [See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 125](#)  
“Gold Medal Award,” undated  
“Good and Bad Habits,” circa 1962  
“Goodnight,” 1960  
[Grace killed John one rainy day], undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 41-43](#)  
“A Grammar,” undated  
[The gravel of accident will pave], undated  
“A Gray Spring Morning,” undated  
“The Great News,” undated  
“Greek Room – Fragment of a Head,” undated [See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 38-39](#)  
“Guess” (first line “He stays at home no matter where he goes”), undated  
“Guess” (first line “*One* is a creeper and sleepy in his shell”), undated  
“Guess Who He Is,” undated  
“Gulls,” undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 2-5](#)  
“Gulls Land and Cease To Be,” undated

[Gulls in Wyoming, Utah, follow the plows], undated

Ha-He

[Had I five good years dying on my back], undated

[Hail thou loyal sons and true!], undated

“A Half Serious Ham Enacts a Nostalgia,” undated

“Hamlet in the Wings,” undated

“Hamlet on CBS,” undated

“The Hard Sell,” 1964

[Have I let beasts enough teach me], undated

[Having discovered there are as many bastards], undated

[A haze from a Babylonian imagination pulsed], undated

[He drew a globe and anchor on the table], undated

[He had read Nietzsche when he was much younger], undated

[He is dead and the world], undated

[He wanted to trust me. As it turned out], undated

[He was big, black, and high], undated

[He was chosen as a hostage on the Late Show], undated

Hea-Homa

“Hearsay Has It Auntie's Coming for Dinner,” undated

“Heart of America,” undated

“Here after Followeth the Boke of Phyllyp Sparowe,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 167-169*

“A Hereafter,” 1968

“Heritage,” undated

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[The High Wise Man and the air around him], undated

[His last day home he pruned the roses], undated

“Homage to Dudley Fitts,” undated

“Homage to Marianne Moore,” 1964

Home-Hu

“Home for the Aged,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 129-135*

[Home in this unknown town], undated

[Home was our Asylum. My father died], undated

“Homily,” undated

“An Hour on a Train,” undated

“Hours,” undated

[How are we doing? One plus one], undated

“How Are You?” undated

[How can a man be wholly sure], undated

[“Hungry are you?” said the vending machine in the], undated

I Am-I Dreamed

“I Am Dialing That Number,” undated

[I am writing this with a black], undated

[I ask this because I do not know all], undated

[I board a rocket of rye], undated

[I came to Buddha's blazing cave], undated

[I can't, can], undated  
"I Certainly Would," undated  
[I could forget], undated  
["I deny every first guess!" thundered the old man], undated  
[I do not care how many tell you], undated  
[I do not like many of those most popular], undated  
[I do not think the time it takes], undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 121*  
[I don't care if you do babble, I], undated  
[I don't know him. He says], undated  
[I don't know which truth to tell you], undated  
"I Dreamed Time and It Was," undated

I drubbed-I met

["I drubbed my soul. What Hell then came], undated  
[I had a little. I got a lot], undated  
[I had two eels once that I taught], undated  
[I have a wallet but no cash], undated  
[I have, as a matter of fact, killed], undated  
[I have one head that wants to be good], undated  
[I have said almost nothing about Orpheus], undated  
[I have stayed, though not for long], undated  
[I heard the ghost of a small wind], undated  
[I know a man who, after years of saving], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 141*  
[I know all about boys, I do], undated  
[I know and you know], undated  
[I know someone who lives at the zoo], undated  
["I live, therefore I live – in some bemusement"], undated  
[I married Eve and bore her garden down], undated  
[I met a man in the middle of town], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 49*

I pass-I told

[I pass enough savages on the street], undated  
[I remember Miss Olivia Branton, which], undated  
"I Remember the House That Was," undated  
[I said I'm hungry, lady, not a fool], undated  
[I said to the pear-shaped darling], undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 23, 50-51*  
[I said to the sad policeman: Your day is not], undated  
[I should -- but anyone can and], undated  
[I sit at my desk in my underwear], undated  
[I suppose there is an Eskimo problem, too], undated  
[I think there was no time before the Fall], undated  
[I told Damnation who I was], undated

I took-If you mean

[I took the 4:15, but it didn't stop], undated  
[I want to tell you], undated  
[I was a G.I. and the old boy], undated



[I was born with orange hair and yellow eyes], undated  
[I watched the morning up from ice], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 83*  
[I woke and found it waiting], undated  
[I wonder if anything in time ever], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 85*  
“Idiot Reveries on the Way to Sleep,” undated  
[If ever you need – and who], undated  
[If I am not], undated  
[If you happened to be in Rome in '57], undated  
[If you mean me], undated

If You Really-Imagine

“If You Really Feel You,” undated  
“If You Should Fall, Don't Forget This,” undated  
“I'll Be Glad When This One Goes Home,” undated  
“I'm No Good for You and You,” undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 105*  
[I'm on top when it's you I'm under], undated  
[The imaginative pilot, having been raised], undated  
“Imagine Enough Appetite for April,” undated

In-Inc

[In Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1939], undated  
[In case no one has told you, dearie, your], undated  
“In Cyril's Universe on Dartmouth Street,” undated  
[In Hannibal, Mo., one night of one weather], undated  
[In Italy no dust goes to waste], undated  
[In late afternoon, when the light no longer has], undated  
[In Milwaukee, on the lake front], undated  
“In My Father's Hows There Are Many Mansions and Morehovels, and More-Yet Ranch Houses,” undated  
“In Silver Thickets,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 137*  
“In the Audience,” 1968  
“In the Carnivorous Language of the Burial Service,” undated  
“In the Desert behind God,” 1964  
“In the Long Camera,” undated  
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“In the Stoneworks,” undated  
“In the Year of Many Conversions and the Private Soul,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 73-83, 127*  
“Incident,” undated

Ind-It is summer

[India is that way], undated  
“Inscription for a Patriot's Tomb,” undated  
“Instances Toward, Perhaps, Understanding: I. Pico della Mirandola, II. Three Borgia's,” undated  
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	[It is Spring, darling, and the five feathers], undated
	[It is summer in the Biblical counties. Love], undated
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	[It's hard for boys to say “Hello”], undated
	[It's time, boy], undated
BOX III: 20	J-K
	[A jay in the green swell], undated
	[Jerry Milligan came to see us], undated
	[Jim Cubeta, Jimmy, James – ], undated
	“John Pilgrim,” undated
	[John the First], undated
	“The Joke,” undated
	“Joshua,” undated <i>See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 98-101</i>
	“Jump,” undated
	[Just to be a boy takes all], undated
	“K is for Kangaroo,” undated
	[The kink of habit makes all tangles true], undated
	“Killing,” undated
	[Kranz, the irreverent house painter], undated
	La-Lea
	“Landscape with My Life in It,” undated <i>See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 100-101</i>
	“Landscapes of My Name,” 1955
	“The Laodicean,” undated
	[Last fall I put down], undated
	“Late Broadcast, Early Morning,” undated <i>See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 60-63</i>
	“Launcelot in Hell,” 1959, undated <i>For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 6-19</i>
	“Lazarus Refuses the Local Personages,” undated
	[The leanness of Asian corpses], undated
	“Leaving Chloris and Turning to Talk to Daphne,” undated
	“Leaving N.Y. on the New Haven R.R.,” undated
	[Leaving this world at the turnpike moonstation], undated
	Lesson
	“The Lesson,” undated
	“The Lesson for Tonight,” undated
	Let-Lett

[Let me be febrile, bright and quick], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 145*

[Let me sing for all dead gunners in their furloughs], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 102-103*

[Let P be for porcupine, a creature], undated

“Letter,” undated

“Letter from a Pander,” undated

“Letter to Irwin Swerdlow,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 18-21, 49-55, 153, 165*

“Letter to My Congressman,” undated

[The letters, characters, ABC from the first], undated

#### Line-Lines

[The line of man-time is no rising curve], undated

“Lines for an Epitaph,” 1952

“Lines for the Laying of a Cornerstone at the New 92nd St. Y,” circa 1967

“Lines While Sitting on a Sea Wall with the Sea Rising to My Waist,” undated

#### L'Inglese-Ly

“L'Inglese,” undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 115-117 (first line “Walpole, traveling in the Alps”)*

“Listening,” undated

“Literary Tea,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 55*

[A little dying is an appetite to], undated

“The Little Endians and the Big Endians,” undated

“The Little One,” undated

“A Little Will Be All When Most Is Said,” undated

[Loading the cattle cars with prisoners for X], undated

[Loathsome people are forever], undated

“The Lobster Man,” undated

“Lochs and Bagels,” undated

“Long Weekend,” circa 1965

“The Longest Way Is Back,” undated

“Look at That!” undated

“Lord, Lord, What Faces I Have Shed!” circa 1964

“Lore,” undated

[Love is no nature but a way we make], undated

“The Loveliest Knows Itself,” undated

[The low-fi scrapes the phrases from the strings], undated

“Lying on Grass in a Clearing and Looking Up,” undated

#### Mad-Mas

“Mad Song,” circa 1964

“A Madman on Sixth Avenue,” undated

“A Magus,” undated

[A man I knew met a man he knew], undated

[The man leaves home in the morning. It is any day], undated

[A man named Finchley once], undated

[A man was just here and he wanted to know], undated

“The Man Who Married a Writing Wife,” undated

“The Man with the Wishbook,” undated

“Management,” undated  
[Many a man has lost his head], undated  
“Margin,” undated  
[Margot is less happy at having three sons], undated  
“Master of Ceremonies,” 1963 *For additional material see Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 67-71 (first line “Ringing a flare of brass, he jams his voice”)*

Me-Mind

“Memoir of a Three-inch Man,” undated  
“Memoir of an Unacknowledged Legislator,” undated  
“A Memory of the Sad Chair,” undated  
[Men at their pace of hours], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 177, and Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 45*  
[Men whittled to the size of fingers], undated  
“Metamorphosis,” undated  
“Mind You, Now,” undated

Miss-Mo

“Miss Olivia Branton,” undated  
“Miss Priss,” undated  
“A Missouri Fable,” undated  
“Money,” undated  
[A monumental broad breasted woman], undated  
“A Mood for a Birthday, June 24, 1967,” circa 1967  
“A Mood of Absence,” undated  
“Morning” (first line “A Morning of the life there is”), undated  
“Morning” (first line “I remember my littlest one in a field”), 1962  
[Morning came bright, as every day is saved], undated  
[A morning of the life there is], undated  
“Morning with Many Starlings and Two Unidentified Song Birds,” undated  
[Most of our proverbs are from], undated  
[Mothers, of course, are above all], undated  
[The mountain], undated  
[The mouse house], undated

Mu-My

“The Mugging,” undated  
“Mummy Slept Late and Daddy Fixed Breakfast,” 1961  
“Museum,” undated  
[Must we believe all that ascends aspires?], undated  
“My Father Died Imperfect As a Man,” undated  
[My father knew the spectrum of grapes grieving], undated  
[My Father needed a Father too. He said], undated  
[My friend, the little wormy death], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 93*  
[My girl is swale], circa 1964  
[My grandmother, if she was real], undated  
[My little dogcock], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 112-113*  
[My Uncle Alec, the barber, was a disguise], undated  
[My way back left off green. Black top and greystone], undated

N-Note

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[N is for Nose – no beast at all], undated  
“The Naked I,” undated  
“Name and Number,” undated  
“Names of a Place,” undated  
“The Nature Not to Understand,” undated  
“A Near Epitaph,” undated  
[Never tell people the truth until], undated  
“New Year's Eve,” undated  
“Night,” undated  
“Night Piece,” undated  
“No,” 1958  
[No one I know, or you know, loves long. What], 1962  
[No reason to think more can be, or less], undated  
[No rule of writing holds him], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 7*  
[None of the elegant dames and fabulous plungers], undated  
[Not in all of time, I think], undated  
“Not to Everyone – Not Till He Comes,” undated  
“Notes,” undated

#### Noth-Nov

[Nothing in heaven is a hunter. I was], undated  
[Nothing in nature but time could stop], undated  
[Nothing is entirely as one], circa 1958  
“Nothing Is Really Hard but to Be Real – ” undated  
“Notes on an American Playwright (Or on All of Them),” undated  
“November 26, 1964,” undated

#### Ob-On an

“Obit,” undated  
“Of Burning and Burning Out,” undated  
“Of Fish and Fishermen,” undated  
[Of stiff-necked Dante in the queer library of his mind], undated  
“Of the Verbal Generation,” undated  
[Oh Thomas Gray! Oh Peter and Paul!], undated  
[Old bones and paper skin. O heart afire], undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 80-81*  
“The Old Man,” undated  
“An Old Man Confesses,” undated  
“On a Doughboy's Statue in a Yokel Square,” undated  
“On a Photo of a Family of Beggars Starving outside a City Gate in India,” undated  
“On Altitudes,” undated  
“On an Ecdysiast,” undated  
“On an Executive Female,” undated

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#### On Evolution-On the Orthodoxy

“On Evolution,” undated  
“On Flunking a Nice Boy out of School,” undated  
“On Last Looking into Reik's *Myth and Guilt*,” undated  
“On Leaving the Internal Revenue Office,” undated

“On Marriage As an Institution,” undated  
“On Roman Traffic,” undated  
“On the Administration of Justice,” undated  
“On the Cape May Ferry,” undated  
[On the eighth day of the world the animals], undated  
“On the Orthodoxy and Creed of My Power Mower,” undated

On the Poet-Once

“On the Poet As a Damned Poor Thing,” undated  
“On the Reef of Norman's Woe,” undated  
“On the Subjective Limits of the Infinite,” undated  
“On the Third Planet from the Sun,” 1960, undated *For additional material see  
[Container III:16, Notebook A, pp. 55-61](#)*  
“On Throwing out a Poem That Left No Silence,” undated  
[Once every noon and once every], undated  
[Once (only once) in my roofed life I saw], undated

One-Oy

“One Day” (first line “I lay in the grass and looked at the sky”), undated  
“One Day” (first line “One day in a rush of dogwood, all the world married”), undated  
[One day at breastworks, boys at world's odds], undated  
[One day when I was feeling absolutely healthy], undated  
[One dull day at a time for forty-something years, Somebody's], undated  
[One is wiggler with a giggler in its head], undated  
[One night at Bread Loaf, the moon at flood], undated  
[One paradise, a world ago], undated *See [Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 111](#)*  
“One Reeler for Horatio Alger,” undated  
[One Sunday of the easy light], undated  
“One Wet Iota,” undated  
“The Onion Eaters,” undated  
[Only a Chinese knows with all his death], undated  
[Or any ten girls, or all twenty together], undated  
[The ostler in his ostlery], undated  
“Our Day in the Country,” undated  
[Out of thirty-seven leghorns that sang high mass], undated  
[The oxygen tastes vaguely of rubber. Fear], undated  
[The oystermen of Massachusetts], undated

Par-Pat

“Para Derest,” undated  
“Parenthood,” undated  
[Paris, the god-given string bowman, found], undated  
“Park Bench,” undated *See [Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 103-109](#)*  
“Parrot” (first line “A comic in a banged hat eating”), undated  
“The Parrot” (first line “A full professor among birds”), undated  
“Passage to a Summer Island,” undated  
[Past Iwo with the sun laid on our back], undated  
[The patient's friend is nature and can cure], undated  
“Patterns,” 1954

Pe-Pi

- “A Pedestrian on a Chessboard,” undated
- [Perfect depravity, perfect innocence], undated
- “The Performance of Mourning,” undated
- “Pete's Here!” undated
- “A Petition for Burial (A Prologue to Follow),” undated
- [The pharaohs turned to rock. And still blew down], undated [See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 59](#)
- “The Philosophy Store,” undated
- “Pigeons,” undated
- “The Pilot in the Jungle,” undated [See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 113-124](#)
- [Pineapples were not, of course], undated

Pl-Po

- “A Plague for Everything and Everything in Its Plague,” undated
- “The Plain People of Pennsylvania Decided to Be Immovable,” undated
- “A Plea,” undated [For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 65-69](#)
- [Pleasant places, green sounds, with boats on lakes], undated
- “A Plover at Twilight,” 1964
- “Poem” (first line “Dylan Thomas and Richard Nixon”), undated
- “Poem” (first line “The sparrows of Somerville, Massachusetts”), undated
- “Poetry,” undated
- “Poets,” undated
- “The Poet's Words,” undated
- [Polly Proud is very loud], undated
- [The Poo-bah and the Rinkey-dink], undated
- “Poor Little Fish,” undated
- “Population Pressure,” undated
- “Possibilities,” undated
- “POW,” undated
- [POW-BOP said Mr. Kennedy and], undated

Pr-Pu

- “Prejudices,” undated
- “Principles” (first line “In evidence with the world, as old bones plead”), undated
- “Principles” (first line “In the zoo of God's imagination”), undated
- “The Private Eye,” undated
- “Professor Hale and the Snook,” undated
- “Propositions for a Moon Rise,” undated
- “A Psalm for Malthus,” undated
- “Punch,” undated

Q

- “Q,” undated
- “Q & A,” undated
- “A Qualified Praise of the Devil As a Teacher,” undated
- “Quiqueg,” 1960 [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 250-252](#)

Ra-Ref

- [A rabbit bouncing across plowed land], undated

[The raccoon cub the boys raised], undated  
“Random Is All Coils,” undated  
“Rattler,” undated  
“Read This before You Come In,” undated  
“Reality and Willie Yeats,” undated  
[Reason comes by forced marches. Thoughts arrive], undated  
“Re-corn-struck-shun,” undated  
“Reflections While Watching the Young Gyration in Twenty-five Simultaneous Solitudes at Some Automated Dionysian Rite Approximately Called a Party,” undated

Rem-Ru

“Remember Dead Gunners,” undated  
“Rest Stop,” undated  
“Re-union,” undated  
“Reverie,” undated  
“A Reverie on Principles,” undated  
“A Revulsion against Crows,” undated  
“Rivers and Toes and (Sometimes) the Part in Your Hair,” undated  
“Robin the Hood,” undated  
“Rose and Bee,” undated  
[The roses down in Zanzibar], undated  
[A rough plain hearse, then], undated  
[The rover arrived at a river], undated  
“Rules,” undated

Sa-Sc

“The Sad Aardvark and the Queen Ant,” undated  
[Said a crow in the top of a tree], undated  
[Said the Fake Man to his Imitation Agony], undated  
“Said the Man, Said His Wife,” undated  
[Said the Substantial Nude to the Conceptual Man], undated  
[Said the trivial apothecary infusing sassafras], undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 107*  
[Salmon are sure], undated  
“Salt Lake City,” undated  
“Saturday,” undated  
“A Saturday Afternoon,” undated  
“Savior,” undated  
[Say what you like about the], undated  
“Scenario,” undated  
“Scenes from a Critical Mass,” undated  
“School for Betrayal – Welcoming Address to the Entering Class,” undated  
[The scientist looked up from what he knew], undated

Se-Sl

“Sea Marshes in Winter,” undated  
[The sea shines. Wind-combed, the waters run light], undated  
“Selectivity,” undated  
“Sequence,” undated  
“The Shark,” 1962



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[She didn't die. As some go out of their minds], undated  
[She opened a box left over in the basket from the last picnic], undated  
"Shore," undated  
[The shriek is a shiverous beast], undated  
[Shut the door. From either side], undated  
"A Sidewalk Full of Schoolgirls," undated [See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 26-27](#)  
"Silvana," undated  
"Since I Am Not Godlike," undated  
"Singing," undated  
[Six hours from meaing [sic] the plane sat down], undated  
"The Size of Song," undated  
"A Skin Diver Surfaces," undated  
[The skylines are all cumulus in the mind's eye], undated [See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 56-59](#)  
[The slow acquirements of the air], undated  
[Slow as the tired day goes], undated  
[The slow lives are as real as speed has fins], undated

#### Sm-Somehow

"Small Benn," undated  
"Small Elegy," undated  
[So pretending that their lies], undated  
"Soaking in a Tub," undated  
"Softly Wrong We Lie and Kiss," undated  
[Some are giggly and some are gigglier], undated  
"Some Comfort Maybe," undated  
"Some Lines Started at an Italian Wake," undated  
[Some of the bad men I have not], undated  
[Some of the cats I know about], undated  
[Some of the cowboys I know best], undated  
"Some of the Houses Always Needed Paint and Some Had Always Just Had It," undated  
"Some of the Times When There Are Oceans," undated  
[Some of what I die I], undated  
"Some People Came to See Us and Mummy Served Tea," undated  
"Some Reflections after a Harangue by Miss D," undated  
[Some strike a stance], undated  
"Some Useful Hints on Being Born," undated  
"Somehow Comes Morning," undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 78-79](#)

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#### Someone

"Someone," 1962  
[Someone about as big as a bump], undated  
[Someone fast and someone slow], undated  
[Someone had misread the vegetable order], undated  
"Someone I Know," undated  
[Someone I met], undated  
"Someone in the Fantasy Ward Is Eating Well," undated  
[Someone just came out of the sky], undated

[Someone said], undated  
[Someone sighed], undated  
[Someone under the chestnut tree], undated  
“Someone Up There,” undated  
[Someone we know], undated  
[Someone who said she was Jill], undated

Something-Son

[Something about birds kills the song], undated  
“The Something/Nothing Any Love Can Tell,” undated  
[Sometimes in San Francisco, sometimes in], undated  
[Sometimes when you are], undated  
“Song” (first line “I draw the breath I am about”), undated  
“Song” (first line “Oh finger, the tickles of all my loves”), undated  
“Song” (first line “The cardinal there in the always tree”), undated  
“Song for an Allegorical Play,” 1962  
“Sonnet,” undated  
“A Sonnet to Robert Frost but Not about Him,” undated

Soo-Stop

[Sooner or later a night will come], undated  
[Sooner or later, because the ghosts], undated  
“S.P.Q.R. Domus Claudius,” undated  
[A sparrow lights on the sill], undated  
“A Spring Semester,” undated  
“A Starnose Mole on the Fairway,” undated  
“The Starry Heavens, the Moral Law,” undated  
“Stars,” undated  
[The stars sit still and the world goes round], undated  
“Steps,” undated  
“Still,” undated  
“Still Life,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 165*  
“Stone Steps,” 1962  
[“Stop war,” he said], undated

Stor-Su

[Storms later, we awoke], undated  
[Striking a blow for freedom, Joe was], undated  
“Styles,” undated  
“A Submarine Testament,” undated  
“A Suburban Man Speaks Honestly,” undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 52-53, 56-57*  
“Success,” undated  
“Summer,” undated  
“Sunset and After,” undated  
“Survival,” undated

Ta-That

[Taking a walk in Baguio because I was there], undated  
“Talking Myself to Sleep at One More Hilton,” undated

[Technique is for musicians and the young], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 9-11*

[Tell me one, tell me two], undated

[Tell me this, if you don't mind], undated

[Tempted at the Algonquin by such a choice], undated

“Ten Minutes My Captive,” undated

“Ten Years Ago I Played at Being Brave,” undated

“Tenzone,” undated

“A Thanks to a Botanist,” undated

“That Spring,” undated

Theo-There was a fox

“Theories of Flight,” undated

[There a young man who turned eight], undated

[There are twice as many eyes as there are], undated

[There is no one way in this language], undated

[There once was a girl who never went to bed], undated

[There's no Top City when everyone's broke], undated

[There's nothing to saying goodbye], undated

[There was a boy who lost his head], undated

[There was a dead sheep in the feed-lot], undated

[There was a fish that was born in a cup], undated

[There was a fox], undated

There was a gold-Three

[There was a gold boy on a gold dolphin], undated

[There was a man who said “No! No! No!”], undated

[There was a man who was so slow], undated

[There was a shark that liked to bite], undated

[There was an old man, an old, old, old], undated

[There was Stoner, eighteen of his thirty years], undated

[There were sword scars on the old fire-eater's face], undated

[They admired you], undated

“Thing,” undated

[Think of someone about as big], undated

[This decent executive person is], undated

[This is Jane. She sits and yawns], undated

“This Is of the Intimacy and Legality of Evil,” undated

[This is the way Monday went. First], undated

[This man – the massive center of what world], undated

[This morning I fell from a horse I was about], undated

[THIS: of seven sparrows on a country wire], undated

[Three gray squirrels at a Mayday], undated

Thro-To

[Through my hemlocks to the spruce beyond], undated

“To a Metaphysician with His Head in the Oven,” undated

“To a Plinking of Mandolins,” undated

“To a Poor Wretch Who Made Good,” undated

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“To Daphne to Make Up Her Damned Mind,” undated  
[To do a thing right, you will see], undated  
“To Each His Own,” undated  
“To Judith,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 24-25, 28-29, 44-45*  
“To No End Ever,” undated  
“To the Father of Proverbs,” undated  
[To see is to interpret], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 5*  
“To Somatica to Say Nothing,” undated

#### Tod-Tw

[Today – because I would not lie to you – ], undated  
[Toe-tippy and a dancing man to his], undated  
“Tongues,” undated  
[Toy maker Ptolemy], undated  
[The trains in that country], undated  
“The Tree,” undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 94-95*  
“Tree-Cutting,” undated  
[The tribe that became a nation], undated  
“Trojan Horse,” undated  
“Tribes,” undated  
[The trouble with most poets], undated  
[The True Preposterous is a beast], undated  
“Twice When Jack Was Away I Thought of Him,” undated  
“Two for Rob’t Frost: I. Sense Is the Size of What You Make of It, II. The Flowering (and Fading) of New England,” undated *See Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 47*  
“Two Poems on Five Tulips,” undated

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#### U-V

[U is for Uncle. Perhaps you are one], undated  
“Ulysses,” undated  
“The Unadapted Animal Is Man,” undated  
“Undertow,” undated  
“Union Station,” undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, pp. 13-15*  
[Up from to reef to the quicksilver band], undated  
“A Valedictory for Rose,” undated  
[Vega and I are walking this impossible dog], undated  
“Vermont,” undated  
“V-J Day,” 1955  
“Vodka,” undated  
“A Voice across a Border,” undated  
[A voice said: “Go forth and multiply”], undated

#### Wai-Was

[The waiter, an employed cadaver who might have passed], undated  
“A Walk Down a Mountainside,” undated  
“Watching It Go Over,” undated  
“Wake,” undated  
[Walt Whitman took the Earth to bed], undated

“War,” undated

“A Warning about Bears,” “More about Bears,” “Still More about Bears,” and “Last Words about Bears,” 1960

[Washed and neat to watch TV], undated

We-What Someone

[We buried the corporal in his new beard], undated

“We Have Lost Contact with Abel Company,” undated

[We were mentioning some unusual corpses and your name came up], undated

“The Weather's of Miss Myra,” undated

“A Web,” undated

[The weight descends on all mankind], undated

“A Welcome to the Reader I Must First Refuse,” undated

[Well, sir, whales, pirates – all's one], undated

“Wet Cold Morning,” undated *For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, p. 27*

[What do I do more than this night], c. circa 1964

[What do you think a kite would do], undated

[What do you think I saw just now?], undated

[What do you think of Bobby Link?], undated

[What feeds the hawk then? Shall its chicks], undated

[What had I done but remember death's smell], undated

[What I could not then believe], undated

[What some people do for disaster], undated

“What Someone Said When He Was Spanked the Day before His Birthday,” undated

What Was-When I Am

“What *Was* Her Name?” undated

“What Washes Is Time Enough,” undated

“Whatever Hell Is,” undated

[Whatever it is you want me to do], undated

[Whatever that was, good enough, for all], undated

[Whatever the poem may be in school], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 3*

[What's dirty passes. And returns], undated *See Container III:16, Notebook B, p. 146*

“When a Man Dies,” undated

[When a million monkeys], undated

[When angry young men have found their cause], undated

[When Fletcher Pratt was alive, his house on the shore], undated

[When her mother died and there was no one], undated

“When I Am Not Dead I,” undated

When I was-Wr

[When I was the size], undated

“When I Went to Get a Drink,” undated

[When I'm done doing what I do], undated

[When Jane had put a glove upon her right], undated

[When Paul has screamed his final scream], undated

[Where every day was nothing but itself], undated

“While a Pastry Chef Was Designing an Arch of Triumph,” undated

[While Egypt was being eternal, everybody], undated

- “While I Was Shaving,” 1962
- [Who is he?], undated
- “Who We Really Are,” undated
- “Whom Do You Know Really Who Is,” undated
- [Why do I have to make], undated
- “Why Don't You Write for Me?” undated
- [Why would it make you happier to be married], undated
- [Will you know then], undated
- [Willy the Weep and Sad Terry and I], 1962
- “The Wish Tree,” undated
- [Wolf pups play murder], undated
- [The woods were posted against flower-picking], undated
- “World Affairs,” undated [See Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 253-256](#)
- [A wrong-o from a back street – so far back], undated
- Y-Z
- [Yes, certainly we're going], undated
- [Yes, I do go to more funerals than any], undated
- “Yesterday,” undated
- [You are no engine and I am no fire], undated
- [You will eventually have the feeling that], undated
- [Your character, Desmond, is your problem, not mine], undated
- [You've written Poems. You've written Prose], undated
- “Zeal,” undated
- Unidentified fragments, undated [For additional material see Container III:17, Notebook C, pp. 97-98, 133, 257](#)
- (2 folders)
- Speeches and lectures, 1960-1967, undated
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- Textbooks
- How Does a Poem Mean?* book reviews, 1960
- Poetry 230: Programmed Instruction in Reading Poetry in Depth*, edited by James M. Reid, Laurence Perrine, and John Ciardi
- Copies of poems, 1961
- Correspondence with publisher, 1961
- Lists of poem titles, 1961
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- Fergusson, Francis, “On Reading Dante in 1965: The Divine Comedy As a 'Bridge across Time,’” circa 1965
- Frank, Nino, “Dante – The Poet and the Man,” undated
- Mathews, J. Chesley, “The Interest in Dante by Major American Men of Letters to about 1875,” undated
- Unidentified author
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Poems

Graves, Robert

“The Quiet Glades of Eden,” 1959

“The Reaching Out of Warmth Is Never Done,” 1960

“Song: A Month of Sundays,” 1960

Grenier, Robert, 1965

“The Depth of Fall”

“Dusk Road Game”

“Goodbye”

“The Light”

“Listening”

“Street Scene”

“Tune for Beanie”

“You”

Short stories

Kinney, Arthur F., “Aftermath,” 1959

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**Part III: Subject File, 1951-1965**

Art exhibition catalog, articles, drawings, correspondence, essays, information regarding Tufts University, investment material, newspaper clippings, writings about Ciardi, and miscellaneous material.

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual, organization, subject, or type of material and chronologically therein.

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Alabama Education Association, speaking engagement, 1961

American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, 1965, undated

Censorship, Ciardi as witness in *Naked Lunch* trial, 1959-1965

Drawings by Ciardi, undated

Garden State Choral Society, 1962

Investments, 1962, undated

Miscellany, 1951-1964, undated

Sculpture exhibition catalog, circa 1963

Tufts University, Medford, Mass., Special Committee on Student Publications, 1964-1965 *See also Container III:15, “Student Publications and the Tufts Plan (Or Alma Mater, Yours in Pride)”*

Watts, Myra Ciardi, undated

Writings about Ciardi, 1960-1961