



Poetry and Dreams (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Poetry and Dreams Poetry is proverbially difficult to define and explain. The reason for this difficulty seems to lie partly in the subject itself and partly in our attitude toward it. The subject is indeed deep and complex. The production of poetry is still, as it has always been, a mysterious process, even to the poets themselves; while even the most devoted and enlightened readers of poetry still find mystery in its action and effect. Poetry, as Shelley believed, acts in a divine and unapprehended manner, beyond and above consciousness. Many poets - for example Shelley and Wordsworth - in defining poetry resort to poetical figures; others, like our poet of democracy, avoid definition scrupulously. Let me not dare, says Walt Whitman, to attempt a definition of poetry, nor answer the question what it is. Like religion, love, nature, while these terms are indispensable, and we all give sufficiently accurate meaning to them, in my opinion no definition that has ever been made sufficiently encloses the name poetry. Perhaps, however, mystery in the subject engenders...

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