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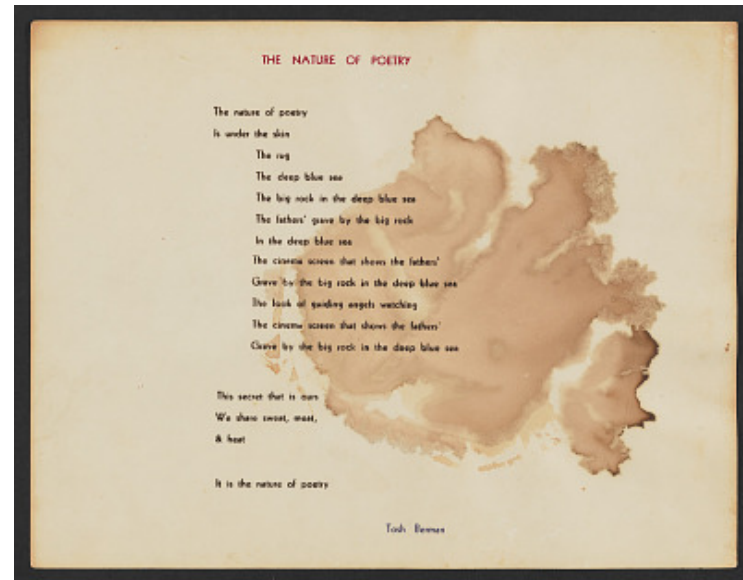
## THE NATURE OF POETRY

The nature of poetry  
Is under the skin  
The rug  
The deep blue sea  
The big rock in the deep blue sea  
The fathers' grave by the big rock  
In the deep blue sea  
The cinema screen that shows the fathers'  
Grave by the big rock in the deep blue sea  
The look of guiding angels watching  
The cinema screen that shows the fathers'  
Grave by the big rock in the deep blue sea

This secret that is ours  
We share sweat, meat,  
& heat

It is the nature of poetry

Tosh Berman



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