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In 1980 the *Walt Whitman Review* published a bibliography of "Whitman as Poetic Subject," compiled by Roberts W. French. French listed forty-two poems in which Whitman appears either by name or by clear allusion. A year later, *Walt Whitman: The Measure of His Song* appeared, edited by Jim Perlman, Ed Folsom, and Dan Campion (Minneapolis: Holy Cow! Press, 1981); Folsom's bibliography in that book (pp. 359–381) lists around three hundred poems in which Whitman appears. I offer this bibliography in the same spirit as my predecessors—one more step in the ongoing process of compiling a comprehensive list of poems about Whitman.

Samuel I. Bellman, "Whitman's Learned Astronomer (To Himself)," *Satire Newsletter* 9 (1972), 163.


The Poets Continue to Respond: More Citations of Whitman
As Poetic Subject

As Edward Malone's preceding list suggests, there is no end to the poems that deal
in some essential way with Whitman. In my lengthy list, "The Poets Respond: A
Bibliographic Chronology" (in *Walt Whitman: The Measure of His Song*), I
attempted to trace the century-old tradition of poets who talked back to Whitman in
their own poems or essays. Since that list was published, I have found many more
poems and essays that should be included—some that I overlooked, some that have
appeared recently. I have, however, given up on trying to make an exhaustive
bibliography: new poems about Whitman are appearing all the time, and old ones
from many languages keep turning up. The following list contains what seem to me
the most significant poems to and about Whitman that were not included in my
original bibliography. There are about two hundred additional poems here; it can
serve to supplement and amplify Malone's list, and perhaps to inspire others to keep
searching for poems that insist on Whitman's continuing presence. I would like to
thank Jim Perlman, co-editor of *Measure of His Song*, for his help in identifying
several of these poems.

B. Alkvit-Blum, "Dayne grozn" ["Your Grasses"], *Lider* (New York: CYCO, 1964),
77. [Yiddish. For citations of Yiddish poems to or about Whitman in addition to
those listed here—including poems by Isaac Ronch, Chaim Schwartz, and
Z. Weinper—see Leonard Prager, "Walt Whitman in Yiddish," *WWQR* 1 (De-
Jewish Poetry," cited below.]


41–86, 163.

Willis Barnstone, "Walter Whitman," "Jiang Yuying, Famous Professor at Beijing
University, Who Daringly Rendered into Chinese the First Complete Walt Whit-
10, 66–67.