

Martha Ronk

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Our mind is dark in some way, and so we use rhetoric as a kind of prop or foil.

~Martha Ronk

I can't remember the past, or I can't see very clearly, or I've gotten older and the person I was isn't there anymore, and the place I grew up isn't where I live now.

~Martha Ronk

Looking out a window from different vantage points changes what you see and therefore what you write.

~Martha Ronk

A number of poems don't work alone. They need to fit together to work.

~Martha Ronk

I can't move my body slowly. I can't move the line slowly. So I end up with way too much, often opaque to me later.

~Martha Ronk

I spend a lot of time revising. I'm not somebody who can move slowly.

~Martha Ronk

Each of us is present, but partially.

~Martha Ronk

I'm always somehow drawn to that sense of how fragile things are and how a garden means so differently depending upon whose language you happen to be in or whose century you happen to be in.

~Martha Ronk

For me, failure has to be acknowledged, needs to be faced in some way.

~Martha Ronk

I'm really interested in what you remember, how you remember, what your perspective is as opposed to somebody else's.

~Martha Ronk

Even your own memory changes over time because of circumstances or even because your body changes.

~Martha Ronk

Gardens do offer a temporal tableau and certainly mean differently in different eras and indeed geographies (think of the formal gardens in France).

~Martha Ronk

I've always been interested in the fragility of things, and with special urgency now because of climate change, but also because of the accidents of reading.

~Martha Ronk

If it's a drop of dew, it will dissolve.

~Martha Ronk

Language is as fragile as the little alpine plant.

~Martha Ronk

I think those of us who use language are always trying for this, trying to keep everything from floating away by trying to write about it despite failure.

~Martha Ronk

I try to attach myself to things around me so that they don't slip away.

~Martha Ronk

I want literature to open all the doors that I can't open by myself, and to allow me to see things that I wouldn't otherwise see.

~Martha Ronk

Often poets fall into groups that exclude others, and don't pay attention to those who write in different ways. It seems so limited to me.

~Martha Ronk

The days start to be charged not because tomorrow you're leaving, but because in three weeks you're leaving. The future impinges. So you start to think about the frame.

~Martha Ronk

I prefer always to think that I am creating a book, not a series of stand-alone poems.

~Martha Ronk

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