

Tracy K. Smith

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So much of my poetry begins with something that I can describe in visual terms, so thinking about distance, thinking about how life begins and what might be watching us.

~Tracy K. Smith

Often it is a moment rather than an event that makes a poem.

~Tracy K. Smith

time never stops, but does it end? and how many lives before take-off, before we find ourselves beyond ourselves, all glam-glow, all twinkle and gold?

~Tracy K. Smith

Keetje Kuipers' poems are daring, formally beautiful and driven by rich imagery and startling ideas.

~Tracy K. Smith

For me, a poem is an opportunity to kind of interrogate myself a little bit.

~Tracy K. Smith

Everything that disappears/Disappears as if returning somewhere

~Tracy K. Smith

History, with its hard spine & dog-eared Corners, will be replaced with nuance, Just like the dinosaurs gave way To mounds and mounds of ice.

~Tracy K. Smith

When I was young, my father was lord Of a small kingdom: a wife, a garden, Kids for whom his word was Word. It took years for my view to harden, To shrink him to human size.

~Tracy K. Smith

I've been beating my head all day long on the same six lines.

~Tracy K. Smith

If I call it pain, and try to touch it
With my hands, my own life, It lies still
and the music thins, A pulse felt for through garments.

~Tracy K. Smith

I grew up in northern California in a town called Fairfield, which is kind of exactly between San Francisco and Sacramento, a small suburb. And I'm the youngest of five children.

~Tracy K. Smith

Brooklyn is kind of my writer's retreat.

~Tracy K. Smith

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