



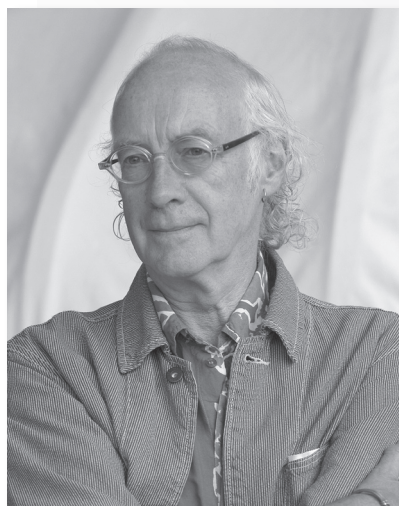
Unit 7

Modern poetry

Cross-curricular – Literature Roger McGough

- 1 Czy lubisz czytać poezję? Z twórczością których poetów zapoznałeś/zapoznałaś się w szkole? Czy znasz nazwiska brytyjskich twórców? Przeczytaj tekst o angielskim poecie.

The life and works of Roger McGough



Roger McGough is a well-known and popular British poet. He was born in Liverpool on November 6, 1937. He studied French at the University of Hull. At that time, the university librarian was Philip Larkin, another British poet.

In the early 1960s, McGough returned to Liverpool. It was an exciting time to be there. McGough met the famous pop band, The Beatles, and

another two musicians called Mike McGear and John Gorman. With these two young men, McGough formed a comedy band called The Scaffold. They had some hit albums. Their song *Lily the Pink* was number one in the British charts in 1968. McGough wrote many of their songs. He also wrote a lot of the scripts in The Beatles' funny movie called *Yellow Submarine*.

McGough published two best-selling books of poems with Adrian Henri and Brian Patten. These three poets were called the 'Mersey Poets' because they were all from Liverpool and the river there is called the Mersey.

Many books of poems followed, and McGough still writes for adults and children. He loves playing with words, and his poems are often very witty. He now presents a BBC radio programme called *Poetry Please*. Listeners write to McGough and ask to hear their favourite poems – old or new.

Here is one of Roger McGough's poems.

Poem for a dead poet

He was a great poet he was.
A proper poet.
He said things
that made you think
and said them nicely.
He saw things
that you or I
could never see
and saw them clearly.
He had a way with language.
Images flocked around
him like birds,
St Francis, he was,
of the words. Words?
Why, he could almost make 'em talk.

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Roger McGough's published work includes

- 27 poetry books for adults
- 19 poetry books for children
- 2 plays
- an autobiography
- many poems in other collections

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Dopasuj wyrazy 1–7 do definicji a–g.

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| 1 charts | a happen after something else |
| 2 comedy | b written words of a play or television programme |
| 3 follow | c clever and funny |
| 4 hit | d list of CDs that people bought most in the week before |
| 5 publish | e produce many copies of a book or paper for people to buy |
| 6 script | f entertainment to make people laugh |
| 7 witty | g a successful song or CD |

- 2 Zdecyduj, czy podane zdania są zgodne z treścią tekstu (T-true), czy – nie (F-false), a może informacja nie została podana (NM-not mentioned).

- McGough spoke French with a British accent.
- He went back to Liverpool before he was 30.
- He was one of the musicians in a band called The Beatles.
- The Beatles' number one hit was called *Lily the Pink*.
- The movie *Yellow Submarine* was a comedy.
- The Mersey poets had two hits in the charts.
- McGough writes children's plays but his poems are just for adults.
- You can sometimes hear McGough's poems on the radio programme.

- 3 Przeczytaj wiersz McGougha. Pisze, że poeta może robić wyjątkowe rzeczy. Wiesz jakie?

- He could say and nicely.
- He could see and clearly.
- He could make words

- 4 Odpowiedz na pytania.

Do you like reading poetry? Why?/Why not?
Can you name a modern poet from your country?

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