

BOOK MARKS



WHERE THE WIND WILLS

Geoffrey Haresnape
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GEOFFREY Haresnape's fifth collection has plenty of serious reflections on life.

Among which are poems such as *Commissioned Officer*, which imagines thoughts of a Roman soldier at Calvary.

Nanook - A North Atlantic Ballad recalls the Titanic tragedy, as does *The Bass Violin Player's Last Hymn*.

Interestingly, Haresnape devotes a section to the 1996 PEN poetry festival in Jerusalem.

But I love *Erasmus Eyeball* and *Dr Severance Package*, who comically benchmark an acerbic view in defence of civilisation as we know it.

These are the alter-ego characters we don't care to own up to.

Haresnape sets down their musings in style.

His 40 poems will give you pause.

- Hugh Hodge