

HUGHES, TED, 1930-1998.

Letters to Lucas Myers, 1955-1988

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Biographical Note

Ted Hughes (1930-1998), English poet and author, served as Poet Laureate to the Queen from 1984 until his death in 1998. His works include numerous poetry volumes among them, *The Hawk in the Rain*, *Lupercal*, *Crow*, and *Rain Charm for the Duchy*; prose works such as *Winter Pollen*, and *Shakespeare and the Goddess of Complete Being*; and children's works such as, *Iron Man*, *How the Whale Became*, and *Season Songs*. Lucas Myers, English author and long-time friend of English poet, met Ted Hughes while they both were attending Cambridge University.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists primarily of correspondence from Ted Hughes to Lucas Myers from 1955-1988. Hughes letters begin the year after he came down from Cambridge and entreats Myers to help him arrange a meeting with Sylvia Plath. Through the years the letters reflect Hughes' life, career, and development as a writer shared with someone whose opinion he sought and whose writing he respected. Hughes discusses his marriage to Sylvia Plath, their homes, the birth and progress of their children, his views on fatherhood, comments on Plath's work and lengthy reflections on his own work. Also present is one letter to Myers from Sylvia Plath dated March 7, [1957] regarding Hughes' success as a teacher and her frustration with her studies; four Christmas cards signed by both Hughes and Plath; and three letters by Assia Wevill in 1965 concerning her daughter, meetings with Tate and Ezra Pound, and other literary news. The collection also contains a photograph of Ted Hughes and Lucas Myers (n.d.) and a copy of "Ah Youth: Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath at Cambridge and After," by Lucas Myers, offprint from *Grand Street*, [Summer 1989].

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Hitchcock, Helen R. to Myers, 19 February 1955, ALS, 1 p.
1	1	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Autumn 1955], ANS, 1 p.
1	2	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [18 March 1956], TLS, 1 p.
1	2	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [16 November 1956], ALS, 4 pp.
1	3	Plath, Sylvia to Myers, 7 March [1957], ALS, 4 pp.
1	3	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [17 March 1957?], ALS, 2 pp.
1	3	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Spring 1957], ALS, 2 pp.
1	3	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [22 July 1957], ALS, 2 pp.
1	3	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Autumn 1957], AL, 1 p., includes untitled typescript "Pythagoras the acute death . . .," 2 pp.
1	3	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Autumn 1957], ALS, 2 pp.
1	3	Hughes, Ted and Sylvia Plath to Myers, [18 December 1957], Christmas card
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers [Spring 1958], ALS, 2 pp.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers [Winter 1958], ALS, 3 pp.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers [Winter/Spring 1958], ALS, 3 pp.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [April/May 1958], ALS, 4 pp.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [early Summer 1958], TLS, 2 pp.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [late Summer 1958], ALS, 1 p.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [September 1958], ALS, 1 p.
1	4	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 9 December 1958, ALS, 2 pp.
1	4	Hughes, Ted and Sylvia Plath to Myers, [December 1958], Christmas card
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Spring 1959], AL, 3 pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 18 May 1959, ALS, 2 pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 19 May 1959, ALS, 2 pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 9 June 1959, ALS, 2 pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [September 1959], ALS, 2 pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [October 1959], ALS, 2 pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 9 December 1959, ALS, 2pp.
1	5	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 31 December 1959, ALS, 2 pp.
1	6	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [late Winter 1960], ALS, 4 pp., includes "Roosting Hawk" and "Sunstroke," 2 pp.
1	6	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [late March 1960], ALS, 2 pp.
1	6	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 22 April 1960, ALS, 2 pp.
1	6	Hughes, Ted to Myers, 4 May 1960, ALS, 2 pp.
1	6	Hughes, Ted to Myers, [early Summer 1960], ALS, 1 p.

- 1 6 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [August 1960], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 6 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [late Summer/early Autumn 1960], ALS, 4 pp.
- 1 6 Hughes, Ted, Sylvia, and Frieda to Myers, [December 1960], Christmas card
- 1 7 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Winter / Spring 1961], ALS, 6 pp.
- 1 7 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [September 1961], ALS, 4 pp., includes "Dully Gumption's College Courses" ("Semantics," "Political Science," "Theology," "Humanities"), "Sugar Loaf," "Pibroch," "Thistles," "Memory," "Wino," "Toll of Air Raids," "Holy City," and "Her Husband," 5 pp.
- 1 7 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [November 1961], ALS, 3 pp.
- 1 7 Hughes, Ted, Sylvia, and Frieda to Myers, [December 1961], Christmas card
- 1 8 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [2 July 1962], ALS, 1 p.
- 1 9 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Summer 1963], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 9 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [28 August 1963], AL, 1 p.
- 1 10 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [April 1964], ALS, 1 p.
- 1 11 Wevill, Assia to Myers, 13 March 1965, ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 11 Wevill, Assia to Myers, [15 July 1965], TLS, 1 p.
- 1 11 Wevill, Assia to Myers, [24 September 1965], ALS, 1 p.
- 1 11 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [10 October 1965], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 12 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [March 1966], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 13 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Winter / Spring 1967], TLS, 2 pp.
- 1 13 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [23 February 1967], TLS, 2 pp.
- 1 13 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [9 May 1967], TLS, 1 p.
- 1 13 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 2 July 1967, TLS, 1 p.
- 1 13 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [10 December 1967], ALS, 4 pp., includes clipping
- 1 14 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [February 1971], ALS, 1 p.
- 1 15 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 17 January 1972, ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 15 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [February 1972], TLS, 2 pp.
- 1 15 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Spring 1972], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 15 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [Autumn 1972], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 15 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [late 1972 or early 1973], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 16 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [1974], ANS, 1 p.
- 1 16 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [1974?], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 17 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 1 September 1975, TLS, 2 pp.
- 1 18 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [16 January 1977], ALS, 4 pp.
- 1 19 Hughes, Ted to Myers, [December 1980], ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 19 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 10 November [1982], TLS, 2 pp.
- 1 19 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 29 September 1984, ALS, 6 pp.
- 1 20 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 29 April 1987, ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 20 Hughes, Ted to Myers, 8 February 1988, ALS, 2 pp.
- 1 21 Misc. envelopes

Photograph

1 22 Ted Hughes and Lucas Myers, color photograph, n.d.

Printed material

1 23 "Ah Youth: Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath at Cambridge and After," by Lucas Myers, offprint from *Grand Street*, 8.4 (1989), 86-103

Restricted materials

2 Correspondence [RESTRICTED]
