

Roger McGough Collected Poems.  
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Roger Mc Gough always figures high on my list of 'Who are the people you would most like to meet?' and he has been my favourite modern poet for many years. This collection of his work shows McGough in all his guises –comic, tragedian, eccentric, lateral thinker and fully paid up loon – and it is wonderful. From a short poem that makes you laugh but lingers after the laughter has ended like There are Fascists, or troubles you like The Stranger, or surprises, moves and uplifts you like Defying Gravity (my favourite McGough poem of all) there is something here for everyone. And for those who have never read Roger McGough this collection will be an unparalleled, joyous voyage of discovery.

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