

**Classic Poetry Series**

**Clere Parsons**  
**- poems -**

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## Clere Parsons(1908-1931)

Clere Parsons 1908 - 1931 was an English poet, born in India.

He was educated at Christ Church, University of Oxford, and edited the 1928 edition of Oxford Poetry.

His only collection, *Poems*, was published after his death by Faber & Faber. Both the Oxford University Press Anthology of Twentieth-Century British and Irish Poetry, and Penguin Books Poetry of the Thirties include selections from his work.

His work was influenced by that of [W.H. Auden](http://www.poemhunter.com/wystan-hugh-auden/) and [Laura Riding](http://www.poemhunter.com/laura-riding/), and has been praised by [Geoffrey Grigson](http://www.poemhunter.com/geoffrey-grigson/) and C. H. Sisson.

Parsons had Type I diabetes, and died of pneumonia.

# Different

Not to say what everyone else was saying  
not to believe what everyone else believed  
not to do what everybody did,  
then to refute what everyone else was saying  
then to disprove what everyone else believed  
then to deprecate what everybody did,

was his way to come by understanding

how everyone else was saying the same as he was saying  
believing what he believed  
and did what doing.

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