

## Harry Kemp Collection

### Biographical:

Harry Kemp (1883-1960), was an American poet and prose writer. He spent summers in Provincetown, living in a dune shack, and was nicknamed "Poet of the Dunes."

### Summary:

Items in this collection was pulled from the Heritage Museum files (boxes 6, 8, & 9) and are for exhibition only. Volumes by Kemp are:

- *Provincetown Tideways: A Miscellany*, v. 1, no. 1 (Provincetown, MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1947)
- *Provincetown Tideways: A Miscellany*, v. 1, no. 2 (Provincetown MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1947)
- *Provincetown Tideways: A Miscellany*, v. 2, no. 1 (Provincetown MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1948). Copy 1, signed "May 26<sup>th</sup> 1948 For Gusten [?], who has that self-mastery some poets lack. With gratitude beyond the power of words – for his indulgent and understanding friendship. Harry Kemp. Signed with a seagull's feather." Copy 2, signed.
- *Provincetown Tideways*, v. 2, no. 2 (Provincetown MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1950)
- *The Poet's Life of Christ: Songs of the Living Lord* (Provincetown MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1946)
- *Poet of the Dunes: Songs of the Dunes and the Outer Shore; With Others in Varying Modes and Moods* (Provincetown MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1952). Unopened
- *Where Now Green Gardens? (Harry Answers Omar)* (Provincetown, MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1945). Signed, "For Marianne, Provincetown Cape Cod Mass. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1946. Harry Kemp, signed with a sea-gull's feather." On verso of cover, "The body is a vessel so divine/The life within need be its only wine,/Its wonder tingling to the finger-tips/Deriving from the long celestial line. Stanza XLVI"
- *Rhyme of Provincetown Nicknames* (Provincetown MA: Provincetown Publishers, 1954). Signed

With: Typescript poem, "To God, the Giver – A Prayer for Grace," and an 8x10" b/w photo of Kemp taken by Josephine Del Deo

With: Henri Rouillard. *Provocatives: Selected Diversiform Poems* (Provincetown MA: The Advocate Press, 1945). No. 131, signed

Location: Range 5, Shelf K