

**CCL-EAR COMMITTEE  
REVIEW UPDATE  
The Columbia Granger's World of Poetry  
September 2006**

This is an update to the review written in May 2003 by selected members of the Council of Chief Librarians, Electronic Access to Resources Committee (CCL-EAR). The 2003 review is substantially accurate, only updates and additional information are noted here. Please refer to the full review for more information.

### **INFORMATION DATABASE**

Granger's World of Poetry now has 190,000 poems in full text, a considerable increase over the 40,000 available in 2003. The publisher reports they plan to have over 200,000 full text poems by the end of the year. The database includes over 500,000 poem citations (an increase of 100,000 since 2003), as well as over 1,100 commentaries and 560 brief biographies.

### **USER INTERFACE**

The interface has not changed since 2003. Per a conversation with a vendor project manager, Columbia University Press plans a major revamping of their search interface and indexing engine with many new features, to be released in early 2007.

Granger's World of Poetry is now also available from EBSCOHost. In EBSCOHost it is known as "Columbia Granger's Poetry Database." The content is otherwise the same, though the search interface and indexing are different. EBSCO is the only other licensee of the Granger's content at this time.

As mentioned in the 2003 review, there is still no means within the Columbia University Press interface to e-mail database content. This will be remedied in the new release of their software in Spring 2007. The EBSCOHost interface does support e-mail.

### **Usage Statistics**

Usage statistics from Columbia University Press are currently available only on a by-request (manual) basis. When they switch to the new interface this will be an automatic process, and the statistics will be COUNTER-compliant.

### **Section 508**

Columbia University Press reports that the product is currently Section 508 compliant for access by the disabled.

### **Competitive Products**

A competitive product to Granger's World of Poetry is the database formerly known as PoemFinder, now subsumed into Thomson Gale's LitFinder. The Poems section of LitFinder includes 125,000 full-text poems and 800,000 poem citations. This makes Granger's the winner in terms of full-text poems, though not citations. This is a change from the 2003 review, when PoemFinder had more full text poems.

Another competitive product is Proquest's LION (Literature Online), which includes several poetry databases, which have a total of over 300,000 full-text poems.

Figure 1 Columbia University Press Granger's Search Page

**THE COLUMBIA GRANGER'S® WORLD OF POETRY**

HOME | QUICK SEARCH | ADVANCED SEARCH | BIOGRAPHIES | ANTHOLOGIES | GLOSSARY | CRITICAL CONTEXT | HELP

Optimizing your view of Granger's...

QUICK SEARCH FOR

Keyword  Author (includes translators and adapters)  All poem citations  
 Alphabetical  Title, First Line, Last Line  Full text only  
 Subject  Words In Poem

• For Author searches, use last name OR last name, first name.  
• For Titles and Lines searches, omit the beginning "a," "an," "the," etc.

**Congratulations to our new poet laureate, Donald Hall!**

New with this update—bringing us to 190,000 poems in full text—are poems by Hilda Doolittle (H. D.), T. S. Eliot, Thomas Hardy, Hart Crane, and Mina Loy.

POETRY PARTNERS LINKS

Saw them tenderly love each other - I was so...

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Figure 2 EbscoHost Granger's Search Page

EBSCO Research Databases

Basic Search | Advanced Search | Visual Search | Choose Databases

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Sign In to My EBSCOhost | Keyword | Indexes

Find:  in

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Refine Search | Search History/Alerts | Results

Limit your results: [Limiters](#) | [Expanders](#) |

Full Text

Poet

Document Type   
Poem  
Commentary  
Biography

Commentary Available

Expand your search to: [Limiters](#) | [Expanders](#) |

Also search for related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

Automatically "And" search terms

Figure 3 Columbia University Press Search Results Page

THE COLUMBIA GRANGER'S® WORLD OF POETRY

HOME | QUICK SEARCH | ADVANCED SEARCH | BIOGRAPHIES | ANTHOLOGIES | GLOSSARY | CRITICAL CONTEXT | HELP

**Search** returned 14 Subjects

LEGEND: P = Complete Poems T = Total poems indexed FL=first line LL=last line TL=title VF=variant first line VL=variant last line VT=variant title

P	T	Subject
86	188	<a href="#">Army Life</a>
14	28	<a href="#">Bohemian Life</a>
513	951	<a href="#">Country Life</a>
286	333	<a href="#">Cycles of Life</a>
124	416	<a href="#">Family Life</a>
883	2588	<a href="#">Life</a>
0	7	<a href="#">Lifeguards</a>
16	34	<a href="#">Military Life</a>
11	18	<a href="#">Navy Life</a>
283	412	<a href="#">Religious Life</a>
2	23	<a href="#">Still Lives</a>
14	130	<a href="#">Suburbs and Suburban Life</a>
11	22	<a href="#">Tree of Life</a>
74	207	<a href="#">Urban Life</a>

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Figure 4 EbscoHost Search Results Page

EBSCO Research Databases Basic Search Advanced Search Visual Search Choose Databases

Sign In to My EBSCOhost Keyword Indexes

Results for: SU life Add search to folder Display link to search

Find: life in SU Subject Search Clear

and in Select a Field (optional)

and in Select a Field (optional)

in Columbia Granger's Poetry Database

Folder is empty.

Refine Search Search History/Alerts Results To store items added to the folder for a future session, Sign In to My EBSCOhost.

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See: All Results Poems Commentaries

- [Dover Beach](#) . Arnold, Matthew, (1822–88)  
Sea is calm tonight [or to-night], The  
Where ignorant armies clash by night  
Poem  
[HTML Full Text](#) [Add](#)
- [When Autumn Came](#) . Faiz, Faiz Ahmad, (1911–84)  
This is the way that autumn came to the trees  
Let one bird sing  
Poem [Add](#)
- [Coming Home](#) . Stone, John A., (b. 1936)  
About two thousand miles  
Poem [Add](#)

Figure 5 Columbia University Press Item Display Page

**THE COLUMBIA GRANGER'S® WORLD OF POETRY**

HOME | QUICK SEARCH | ADVANCED SEARCH | BIOGRAPHIES | ANTHOLOGIES | GLOSSARY | CRITICAL CONTEXT | HELP

Search returned 1 Poem

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	<b>Title</b>	<b>Dover Beach</b>
	<b>Author</b>	<b>Arnold, Matthew (1822–88)</b>
	<b>First Line</b>	Sea is calm tonight [or to-night], The

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Figure 6 EbscoHost Item Display Page

**EBCSO HOST** Research Databases | [Basic Search](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | [Choose Databases](#) | [New Search](#) | [Folder](#) | [Preferences](#) | [Help](#)

Sign In to My EBSCOhost | [Keyword](#) | [Indexes](#) | [Santa Monica College](#)

1 of 4238 | [Result List](#) | [Refine Search](#) | [Print](#) | [E-mail](#) | [Save](#) | [Add to folder](#)

View: [Citation](#) | [HTML Full Text](#)

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Dover Beach</b> <a href="#">Commentary Available</a>
<b>First Line:</b>	Sea is calm tonight [or to-night], The
<b>Last Line:</b>	Where ignorant armies clash by night
<b>Author:</b>	<a href="#">Arnold, Matthew, (1822–88)</a>
<b>Gender:</b>	Male <a href="#">Biography Available</a>
<b>Poet Category:</b>	<a href="#">British Poetry: 19th Century</a>
<b>Subject(s):</b>	<a href="#">Sea</a> ; <a href="#">Doubt</a> ; <a href="#">Dover, England</a> ; <a href="#">Faith</a> ; <a href="#">Beaches</a> ; <a href="#">War</a> ; <a href="#">Religious Life</a> ; <a href="#">Sophocles</a>
<b>Publication Type:</b>	Poem
<b>Anthologized In:</b>	<a href="#">Poetry: an Introduction, 3rd Edition</a> , 3rd, 2001 <a href="#">The Making of a Poem; a Norton Anthology of Poetic Forms</a> , 1st, 2000 <a href="#">The Norton Anthology of English Literature, 7th ed., Vol. 2</a> , 7th, 2000 <a href="#">Americans' Favorite Poems; The Favorite Poem Project Anthology</a> , 1st, 2000 <a href="#">The New Penguin Book of English Verse</a> , 1st, 2000 <a href="#">The Oxford Book of English Verse</a> , 1999 <a href="#">World Poetry: an Anthology of Verse from Antiquity to Our Time</a> , 1st, 1998 <a href="#">The Norton Introduction to Literature, 7th ed.</a> , 7th, 1998