

I wrote "The Rains of June" when I was 22 years old.
In 1970 at a time when all that most people had for entertainment was a small pocket radio, I managed to write "The Rains of June". Not wanting to write with words like shroud, cloud, sublime, time, I wrote using the Beatles, Peking, the Chin Hills, Anawrahta Street ... people, places, things, words, and sounds from the world.

I wrote a little book in longhand and gave it to my friends, fellow writers, and poetry lovers to read.

This way of writing, of thinking started 44 years ago-- and it has just gone from there.

This way of writing, of thinking has resulted in this breathless journey with 11 books of poetry published along the way.

I've arrived at the age of 66.

(from between hell and flames of fire would it be fitting to say that's an achievement?)

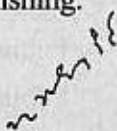
If you want to take a look back at me

I put together this book

so that you'll be able to see everything at once.

For that

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