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This collection of poems takes its form and content from the author's early morning walks to Contention Cove in Surry, Maine and from the spirit of Rousseau.

From the book:

*The woods tick and they tock,  
and then the woodthrush deep in beyond  
the litter line swells its small brown breast  
and out of nowhere begins the song  
that if you listen to too hard gets to be  
a beauty at the middle of it all  
so terribly just beyond ever getting it  
it'll break your heart in two.*

William Hathaway is a former professor at Louisiana State University, Union College, and Long Island University at Southampton. He now lives in Maine, pursuing happiness in other employments. He is the author of seven books of poetry, including *Fish, Flesh, and Fowl*, *Churl-grace*, and *Sightseer*.

*Promeneur Solitaire* contains new work as well as poems that previously appeared in *The Green Mountains Review*, *Poet Lore*, *Poetry*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *Chiron Review*, *The North American Review* and *Poetry Miscellany*.



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