



# SpeedPoets

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## **The World According to Roofs**

Viewed from the flank of Aragats,  
tin roofs flash brightly  
from the villages of Ararat's plain  
in Armenia's heart.

In old suburbs of Sydney,  
small houses, wide verandahs  
with tin roofs edged in gutters  
drain into barrels.

Jerusalem flat roofs, cracking tar,  
air-bubbles bulging bursting,  
whitewashed hung with washing,  
or grapes growing.

Dutch pointed roofs,  
with stepped facades constricted,  
squeezed over big unshaded windows  
exhibiting Calvinist righteousness.

Roofs seal houses,  
Roofs are open underneath.  
Roofs blow off in storms.

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