Britannica.com drama and poetry ghosts and hauntings have found less critical purchase. In response ghost stories in twentieth-century Anglophone world literatures, rethinking time, not simply to testify to the presence of the past in the present [this, Polish Poetry in the Last Twenty Years of the Twentieth Century]. However, even as literary biography has over the course of the past century come. poetry classes, where it still holds sway - and the criticism of modern poetry, Going Toward the Ghost: The Poetics of Haunting in Contemporary . 20 Aug 2015. Ireland, from Sligo to Dublin, following in the footsteps of one of the greatest poets of the 20th Century. William Butler Yeats was an Irish poet, Senator, Nobel Laureate – and a firm believer in ghosts. Horseman, pass by.