

'Something Original'

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Yes. I remember Adlestrop –
The church, because one afternoon
We went inside and had a look
And I wrote a comment in the visitors' book.
Not lovely or peaceful or simply divine!
No. Something original: a genuine sign
Of my appreciation.
I wrote well maintained
And for a minute you scowled at me
As if to say
I should have been more respectful,
More religious,
And it seemed that God agreed
As the sky growled and it rained.