

1964

Conversation with Vesuvius

Sanford Sternlicht

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nmq>

Recommended Citation

Sternlicht, Sanford. "Conversation with Vesuvius." *New Mexico Quarterly* 34, 4 (1964). <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nmq/vol34/iss4/19>

This Contents is brought to you for free and open access by the University of New Mexico Press at UNM Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in New Mexico Quarterly by an authorized editor of UNM Digital Repository. For more information, please contact disc@unm.edu.

Here, in the suburbs,
In the twentieth century,
Can tell you
What is new:
Youth wears beauty
In its hair,
The wrinkled old
Put roses there;
When love is done
We seek it more:
Sappho is gone,
But in the store
The secrets of the goddess Love
Are plastic poetry, and we
May for the proper price recover
Our sex appeal and take a lover.

SANFORD STERNLICHT

CONVERSATION WITH VESUVIUS

I asked the fire:
"When you come,
find us together.
We wish to be
one shadow
on the broken wall."