

Does poetry really matter?

I don't think so.
You can live without it.
as easily
as you can be trapped
in your own vocabulary.
as easily
as you can stop thinking.
as easily
as you can walk the line
of your existence
and never figure out
who you are.

you can live without it.
as easily
as an ironworker can forge molten metal
without ever seeing the sun.
as easily
as a sea merchant can sail the seven seas
without ever meeting his son.

Poetry doesn't really matter.
you can live in a house full of rooms
and bolt each door shut.
you can talk to people in a monotone.
you can harness your feeble thoughts.
you can master your mundane words.

You can live without poetry
as easily
as you can get by
without talking
without listening
without hearing
without feeling
without knowing.
you can live without poetry
as easily
as you can live
without living.



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