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IN A STATION OF THE METRO From Lustra

Ezra Pound

Pound, Ezra (1885-1972) - Controversial American poet, editor, and critic who had a major influence on 20th century literature. After making hundreds of broadcasts for the Italian Fascist regime, he was tried for treason, judged insane, and held in a mental hospital for over ten years. In a Station of the Metro (1913) This two-line poem was originally published in 1913 and later collected in “Lustra.” It marks Pound’s first use of juxtaposition as a structural device in his poetry.
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THE apparition of these faces in the crowd; Petals on a wet, black bough.

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