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前言

We have long conceived the idea of compiling a poetry textbook in a way different fromother such books in which the materials are arranged chronologically, believing that it issignificant to tell the students what poetry is in terms of poetic types and poetic elements. It isour best wish that we made this textbook sufficient enough for students to know what type apoem belongs to and what principles a certain type of poem follows. Therefore this book is one of both knowledge about poetry and sample poems. This book is different from other poetry textbooks in the following ways. First, focusis shifted from poets to knowledge about poetry and sample poems. The poetic knowledgeis explained in great detail and simple terms. The book provides students with a systematic explanation of types, elements and themes of poetry. Second, a comparative approach is adopted in designing some questions for discussion. Many English poems are studied in a comparative context, eliciting students attention to both English poetry and Chinese poetry. Third, the design of the questions is bold in the sense that various tasks are assigned: ranging from analyzing, reciting, translating to making comments, making comparisons, and even experiencing poetry-writing. The purpose of this textbook is to give students a whole picture of what poetry is, so poetryis here studied from many perspectives. In the course of compiling this book we referred to many scholars works which are of greathelp. We gradually formed our idea of compiling a poetry textbook in this style after making acomparison of different sorts of textbooks. Here we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who have more or less contributed to this book. Without them, there would hardly beany inspiration in structuring this style. We cordially express our deep gratitude to Professor Hu Zhuanglin, Professor ChertJianping, Professor Shi Jian, Professor Wang Shouren, Professor Wen Qiufang, and otherprofessors whose contributions have made the textbook complete. Of course we can never forget to thank Ms Liu Yuan, Mr Jia Wei, Miss Zhang Xingiu and Hebei Normal University for their encouragement and generous support in publishing this book. Hard as we tried to be perfect, a flawless book seems too good to be true. Any critical comments will be sincerely welcome and highly appreciated.

内容概要

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Rhythm refers to any steady pattern of repetition, particularly a regular recurrence of accented or unaccented syllables at equal intervals. It is the basis for poetrys musical effect. Depending on how sounds are arranged, the rhythm of a poem may be fast or slow, choppyor smooth. A poet normally uses rhythm to frame pleasurable sound patterns, to construct amood, to create a response suitable to the sense of his words and ideas, and lastly to reinforce hismeaning. Meter is the regular rhythm created by the repetition of similar patterns of accented andunaccented syllables. A fact that needs to be recognized is that frequency two lines may be of thesame meter, whereas the rhythms of the lines may be different. Meter is the structure but rhythmis the movement, and these two are related to each other. The basic unit of meter is the foot, aunit of measure consisting of stressed and unstressed syllables. A poetic foot includes six kinds:iambic, trochaic, anapestic, dactylic, spondaic and pyrrhic.An iambic line is composed primarily of iambs, an unaccented syllable followed by anaccented syllables, as in the word preVENT or conTAIN. Read the following line: The FALLing OUT of FAITHful FRIENDS, reNEWing IS of LOVE (*Capitalization indicates stressed syllables, lower case letters unstressed ones.) A trochaic line is built upon the trochee, an accented syllable followed by an unaccented syllable, as in FOOTball or Liquor. Read the following line:GO and WATCH the LITTle CHILDrenAn anapestic line is composed of anapests, which consist of two unaccented syllables followed by an accented syllable as in compreHEND or interVENE. Read the following line:For the MOON never BEAMS without BRINGing me DREAMS. A dactylic line is composed of dactyls, which begins with an accented syllable followed bytwo unaccented syllables as in DANgerous and CHEERfully. Read the following line and noticethe unaccented syllables in small letters: HALF a league, HALF a league, HALF a league, ONwardA spondee is a metrical foot consisting of two long syllables or two strong stresses, givingweight to a line as in SUNSET and BACKYARD. Read the following line: EACH DAY, MEN DIE. A pyrrhic is a metrical foot consisting of two short unaccented syllables varying the rhythm. Read the following line: To a GREEN THOUGHT in a GREEN SHADEMeters are classified by line lengths whose commonly used names are the following: One foot monometertwo feet dimeterthree feet trimeterfour feet tetrameterfive feet pentameter

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