



## It Seems Like a Mighty Long Time: Poems (Paperback)

By Angela Jackson

Northwestern University Press, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Angela Jackson s latest collection of poetry borrows its title from a lyric in Barbara Lewis s 1963 hit single Hello Stranger, recorded at Chess Records in Chicago. Like the song, Jackson s poems are a melodic ode to the African American experience, informed by both individual lives and community history, from the arrival of the first African slave in Virginia in 1619 to post-Obama America. It Seems Like a Mighty Long Time reflects the maturity of Jackson s poetic vision. The Great Migration, the American South, and Chicago all serve as signposts, but it is the complexity of individual lives-both her own and those who have gone before, walk beside, and come after-that invigorate this collection. Upon surveying so vast a landscape, Jackson finds that sorrow meets delight, and joy lifts up anger and despair. And for all this time, love is the agent, the wise and just rule and guide.



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