

At The Parish House

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The Poets and Their Poems

Philip Dutart Carter As a poet, Philip, 84, can claim a very late but intense vocation, publishing online for the past eight years. He summarized the rest of his career in what he calls a bare-bones bio:

Student,
Student, etcetera
Printer's devil, salesman,

Deckhand,

Dishwasher, copy boy,
Reporter, bureau chief,
Freelancer,

Editor, publisher,

Investor, developer, actor,
Producer,

GRANDE DAME

Do you imagine we require
that all the working class perspire
so risen middlers may climb higher?

Think you not? Then stand by me,
look down and tell me you can't see
what's creeping up my valley:

Everywhere below, les faux chateaux!
One wouldn't mind just one or two.
Like that one there. I think that's you.

And is your little castle pleasant?
Your Mexican is good with flowers?
Your sweaty peasant by the hour?

Then send him to me at The Hall.
We'll plant a screen of something tall.
I'm sure my looming in your view

simply will not do.