

FOR W. H. ADLER.



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For Windford

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the writer.

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STEPHEN SPENDER,

Stephen Spender,

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Hampton,

London N.W.3.

FOR CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD AND V.H.AUDEN.

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and Stephen signalled from the sand dunes like a wooden madman
'Destroy this temple'.

It did fall, he quick hare died to the hounds' hot breathing,
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W.H. Auden, First of Six Odes (January 1931)

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