



Alive Alive O

By Greta Stoddart

Bloodaxe Books Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Alive Alive O, Greta Stoddart, People we love die. And at the heart of the grief there's a sense of wonder: we can't believe it, where have they gone, what are they now, what does that make us? We end up wondering at life too. Death takes us to the edge of living; grief leads us to question the very limits and designs of life itself. Greta Stoddart's third collection Alive Alive O follows the human impulse to make sense of our mortality. Death is reconfigured not so much to console us but as a way of playing out different scenarios, trying for variants in metaphor and meaning, that we may better accept it. But for all their focus and attention on death these are not poems of despair. In their intensity and spirit our mortal life becomes a thing to behold, even in - or because of - the face of death.



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