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Stéphane Mallarmé (1842–1898), author of Symbolism’s central masterwork, “The Afternoon of a Faun,” pursued throughout the entire length of his writing life a singular, self-created Ideal—that of a Pure Poetry. Lapidary, enigmatic, dense and yet somehow radiant, such a poetry held out the promise of a further humanity and an enduring tenderness. This tenderness is especially in evidence in his prose poems, each of which casts a glow upon subjects very close to hand.

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Arthur Rimbaud (1854–1891) is the poet beyond all categories and schools. His two most famous *dicta*—"I is an Other" and "One must be Absolutely Modern"—continue to challenge and, sometimes, to mock our most cherished notions of the Here and Now. Before abandoning poetry entirely at the age of nineteen, Rimbaud had written "The Drunken Boat," *The Illuminations*, and *A Season in Hell*, any one of which would have guaranteed his stature as a Master. "The Drunken Boat" was the poem Rimbaud had in his pocket on the day of his fateful, first meeting with Paul Verlaine.

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