

Martin Lammon's long-awaited second collection, *The Long Road Home*, offers poems that tell stories about a son's affection for his mother and father, and a husband's abiding love. His poems tell stories about back roads that crisscross Ohio's heartland, the Deep South, and beyond his homeland's borders, stories sometimes sad, sometimes funny, but always surprisingly familiar. Whether searching for Emus near the Oconee River, feeding pigs on his grandfather's farm, dancing with his beloved, or climbing up Blood Mountain and singing just for fun to the birds, Lammon reminds us how poems preserve best those moments that we long to hold on to, rewind and replay again and again. Like the poet Robert Frost, Lammon chooses the road less traveled, but rather than go alone down that solitary road, he invites the reader to join him on the journey