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Poet, author

The Kenneth Lloyd McLaren Collection at Hofstra University consists of the personal and professional papers of McLaren.

The collection includes biographical information; personal, family, and professional correspondence; numerous manuscripts of poems, and his book of poetic work Yes With Variations; personal items.

Kenneth Lloyd McLaren was born on January 13, 1917 in Berkley, California. He attended college at the University of California at Berkley, where he belonged to Psi Upsilon fraternity. At the end of 1944, McLaren moved to New York City where he wrote a book of poems which was a self-portrait.

As a poet, McLaren was a prolific and ambitious writer. His poems were written over a period of some 40-odd years and were based on love, sex, kindness, friendship, minorities, poems on poetry itself, and poems on the significance of having a happy attitude towards oneself and the rest of the world.

He died of a cerebral hemorrhage in his apartment in June, 1979 at the age of 62 leaving behind poems in notebooks, journals, on napkins, and snippets of paper.

The Kenneth Lloyd McLaren Collection is arranged in seven series:

- I. Biographical Information: Journal entries.
- II. Family Correspondence: parents, brother and sister.
- III. Personal Correspondence: friends, miscellaneous.
- IV. Professional Correspondence.
 1. Professional other than publications.
 2. Publications: correspondence with editors and publishers.
 3. Publications: related materials.
- V. Book, Yes With Variations.
- VI. Manuscript.
 1. Poems: arranged by notebooks. Arranged chronologically.
 2. Poems: handwritten (original). Arranged chronologically. Arranged alphabetically.
 3. Poems: handwritten (photocopied). Arranged chronologically. Arranged alphabetically.
 4. Poems: progressions. Arranged alphabetically.
 5. Poems: typed with edits. Arranged alphabetically.
 6. Poems: typed and titled. Arranged chronologically. Arranged alphabetically.
 7. Poems: typed and untitled.
- VII. Personal Items and Artifacts.

Series I: Biographical Information

Box 1

<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Journal entries, 1947-1948

Series II: Family Correspondence

2	Letters to family, 1947-1971
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Series III: Personal Correspondence

3	Letters to friends, 1947-1948
4	Miscellaneous letters, 1947-1973

Series IV: Professional Correspondence

5	Correspondence with WBAI radio station, 1976
6	Correspondence with editors and publishers of <u>Yes with Variations</u> , 1982-1984
7	<u>Yes With Variations</u> mock up
8	<u>Yes With Variations</u> mock up

Series V: Print Material

9	<u>Yes With Variations</u> (two copies)
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Series VI: Manuscript

10	Binder of poems
11	Notebook of poems, 1938-1946
12	Notebook of poems, Feb.-Jun. 1961
13	Notebook of poems, 1965-1966
14	Notebooks of poems, 1966-1970

Box 2

1	Notebook of poems, Sept.-Oct. 1968
2	Notebook of poems, 1968-1970
3	Notebook of poems, 1969-1970
4	Notebook of poems, Jun.-Aug. 1970
5	Notebook of poems, 1970-1971
6	Notebook of poems, 1970-1971
7	Notebook of poems, 1970-1972
8	Notebook of poems, Feb.-Sept. 1971

Series VI: Continued

Box 2

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| 9 | Notebook of poems, 1972 |
| 10 | Notebook of poems, Jan.-Feb. 1974 |
| 11 | Notebook of poems, 1974-1976 |

Box 3

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| 1 | Notebook of poems, 1975-1977 |
| 2 | Notebook of poems, 1975-1978 |
| 3 | Notebook of poems, 1975-1978 |
| 4 | Notebook of poems, 1977-1978 |
| 5 | Notebook of poems, Mar.-Jul. 1978 |

Box 4

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| 1 | Handwritten poems (original), 1961-1978 |
| 2 | Handwritten poems (original), A-L |
| 3 | Handwritten poems (original), M-U |
| 4 | Handwritten poems (original), W-Y |
| 5 | Handwritten poems (original), untitled |
| 6 | Handwritten poems (original), untitled |
| 7 | Handwritten poems (original), untitled |
| 8 | Handwritten poems (original), untitled |
| 9 | Handwritten poems (original), untitled |
| 10 | Handwritten poems (original), untitled |
| 11 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), 1971-1972 |
| 12 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), 1974 |
| 13 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), 1975-1976 |
| 14 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), 1977-1979 |
| 15 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), A-C |
| 16 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), D-F |
| 17 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), G-K |
| 18 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), L-M |
| 19 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), O-S |
| 20 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), T-Y |
| 21 | Handwritten poems (photocopied), untitled |
| 22 | Poem progressions, A-D |
| 23 | Poem progressions, G-L |
| 24 | Poem progressions, M-W |
| 25 | Poem progressions, untitled |

Series VI: Continued

Box 5

Folder #

1	Typed poems with edits, 1960-1975
2	Typed poems with edits, A-C
3	Typed poems with edits, D-F
4	Typed poems with edits, G-I
5	Typed poems with edits, J-M
6	Typed poems with edits, N-S
7	Typed poems with edits, T-Y
8	Typed poems with edits, untitled
9	Typed poems with edits, untitled
10	Typed poems, 1962-1963
11	Typed poems, 1964
12	Typed poems, 1965-1967
13	Typed poems, Jan.-Sept. 1968
14	Typed poems, Oct.-Dec. 1968
15	Typed poems, 1969
16	Typed poems, 1970-1971
17	Typed poems, 1973-1975
18	Typed poems, A-An
19	Typed poems, Ap-Ba
20	Typed poems, Be
21	Typed poems, Bi-By
22a	Typed poems, C
22b	Typed poems, D
23	Typed poems, E-Fi
24	Typed poems, Fl-G
25	Typed poems, Ha-He
26	Typed poems, Ho-If
27	Typed poems, Il-It

Box 6

1	Typed poems, J-La
2	Typed poems, Le-Lu
3	Typed poems, Ma-Mi
4	Typed poems, Mo-My
5	Typed poems, N
6	Typed poems, O
7	Typed poems, Pa-Po
8	Typed poems, Pr-R
9	Typed poems, Sa-Si
10	Typed poems, Sk-Sp

Series VI: Continued

Box 6

Folder #

11	Typed poems, St-Te
12	Typed poems, Th-Ti
13	Typed poems, To-Tw
14	Typed poems, U-We
15	Typed poems, Wh-Wi
16	Typed poems, Wo-Y
17	Typed poems, untitled
18	Typed poems, untitled
19	Typed poems, untitled
20	Typed poems, untitled
21	Typed poems, untitled
22	Typed poems, untitled
23	Typed poems, untitled

Series VII: Personal Items and Artifacts

Box 7

1	Oversized notebook of poems
2	Oversized notebook of poems
3	Oversized notebook of poems
4	Oversized handwritten poems (original), 1961-1978
5	Oversized handwritten poems (original), A-H
6	Oversized handwritten poems (original), I-L
7	Oversized handwritten poems (original), O-T
8	Oversized handwritten poems (original), untitled
9	Oversized handwritten poems (original), untitled
10	Oversized handwritten poems (photocopied), 1972-1979
11	Oversized handwritten poems (photocopied), A-W
12	Day Planner
13	Artifacts