

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

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Richard Avedon

Celebrated fashion photographer, Richard Avedon, received his Scholastic Art & Writing Award in 1941 when he was 18 years old for this poem.

Wanderlust

BY RICHARD AVEDON

You must not think because my glance is quick
To shift from this to that, from here to there,
Because I am most usually where
The way is strangest and the wonders thick,
Because when wind is wildest and the bay
Swoops madly upward and the gulls are few
And I am doing as I want to do,
Leaving the town to go my aimless way;
You must not think because I am the kind
Who always shunned security and such
As bother the responsible of mind
That I shall never total up to much;
I know my drifting will not prove a loss,
For mine is a rolling stone that has gathered moss.