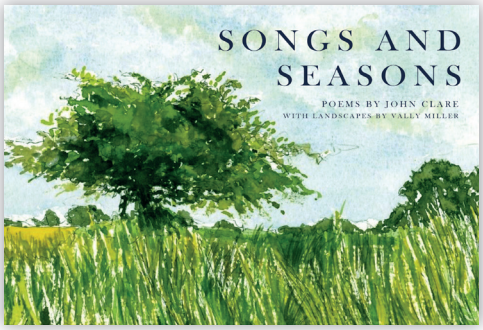

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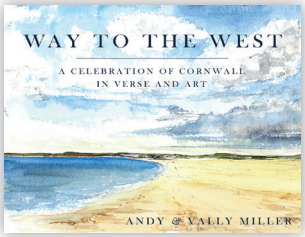

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John Clare (1793–1864) was an important English poet, born in Helpston, Northamptonshire. The son of a farm labourer, he is considered one of the first major working-class poets, and was dubbed the 'Northamptonshire Peasant Poet'. He wrote powerfully about nature, his rural upbringing and railed against the destruction of common land.

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