

i never much cared
 for icing
 as a kid, but as far
 as you're concerned

i've already tasted your sweet
 outer layer
 and must restrain myself
 when wondering
 about the culinary
 delights

which lie
 inside
 you.

IAN HUGHES

hey, that's how to say it:
 when i'm with you, trying
 to speak

i can see hitler
 cursing

as his heavy amour
 is bogged down

in another
 frigid russian
 (winter).

IAN HUGHES

INFLUENCES - A CELEBRATION

They were granite blocks
 inside me
 fitted together
 Shaw Neilson, Judith Wright,
 Bruce Dawe,
 and Stevie Smith,
 and others,
 like a pyramid,
 and at the zenith,
 the keystone,
 Voznesensky -
 not so much a pyramid
 as a sword
 cutting an umbilical cord.

PETER ANNAND