

Basil Bunting letter.

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Wisconsin Poet Liked in England

Sirs — Loraine Niedecker, whose death was recorded in the Jan. 2 Wisconsin State Journal, will be remembered long and warmly in England, a country she never visited.

She was, in the estimation of many, the most interesting woman poet America has yet produced. Her work was austere, free of all ornament, relying on the fundamental rhythms of concise statement, so that to many readers it must have seemed strange and bare.

She was only beginning to be appreciated when she died, but I have no doubt at all that in 10 years time Wisconsin will know that she was its most considerable literary figure. — Basil Bunting, Wylam, Northumberland, England.