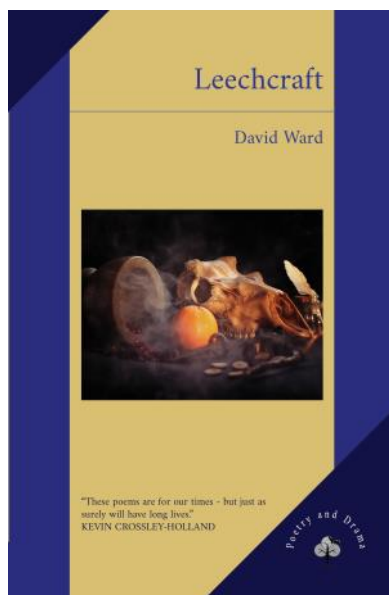


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and stand outside as winds blow raw,
you cannot see me standing there
to beg for comfort, warmth and cheer.
You do not take me to your hearth,
you do not reckon of my worth –
but as I stumble into night,
I leave for you one candle bright.



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