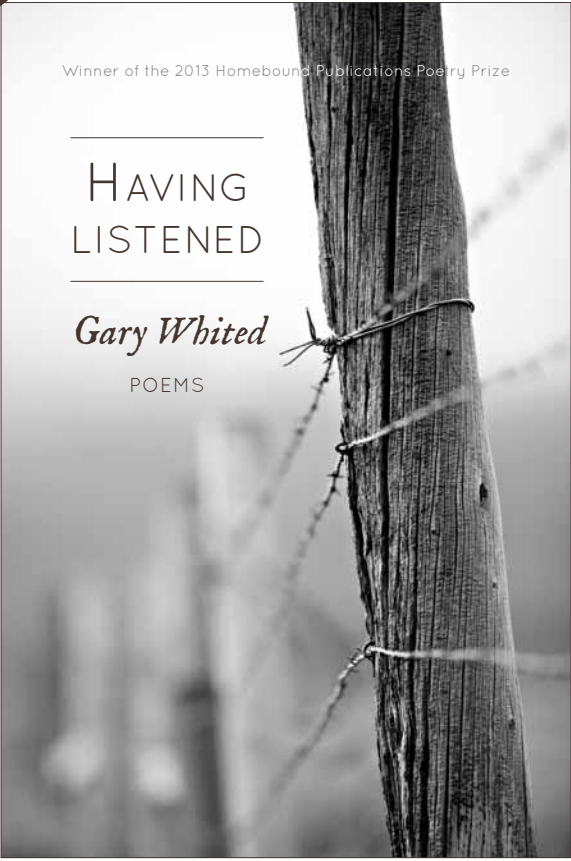


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GARY WHITED is a poet, philosopher and psychotherapist. He grew up on the plains of eastern Montana, and a strong sense of place pervades his poems, whether that place is the prairie, the city or the inner spaces we inhabit. His poems have appeared in several journals, including *Salamander*, *Plainsongs*, *The Aureorean*, *Atlanta Review*, and *Comstock Review*. He is currently working on a new translation of the complete fragments of the 5th century BCE thinker, Parmenides.

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