

Nature and man have both unsocial moods  
 When visitors get a poor welcome,  
 And should be given a wide berth  
     When either broods  
 On why it was created on the earth  
     And drops a bomb.

But there are no laboured heroics, no overwrought descriptions; instead, here are the casual understatements and ironies that one hears on actual mountainsides, and accurate reflections of the climber's moods of confidence, tension, exasperation and achievement.

Peace reigns :  
 I go to Norway  
 And it rains,  
 Or Skye,  
 And mist all day  
 Obscures the Coolins from the plains.

And now it is as dry  
 As Nineteen Eight,  
     The date  
 When you could scramble on a mountain crest  
 South of Mont Blanc  
 In tennis shoes  
 And find the cornice block  
 Was there no more  
 And it was just as easy as Crib Goch.  
 Why did they choose  
 This year to make a war ?

Even those climbers who shudder at the rhyme to *block* will agree.

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