Thy Father and Thy Mother: A Collection of Poetry

Natalie Lalagos  
*Illinois Wesleyan University*

Michael Theune, Faculty Advisor  
*Illinois Wesleyan University*

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/jwprc

https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/jwprc/2012/oralpres13/4

This Event is protected by copyright and/or related rights. It has been brought to you by Digital Commons @ IWU with permission from the rights-holder(s). You are free to use this material in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s) directly, unless additional rights are indicated by a Creative Commons license in the record and/ or on the work itself. This material has been accepted for inclusion by faculty at Illinois Wesleyan University. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@iwu.edu.  
©Copyright is owned by the author of this document.
THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: A COLLECTION OF POETRY

Natalie Lalagos and Michael Theune*
English Department, Illinois Wesleyan University

*Corresponding author

Thy Father and Thy Mother is a collection of poetry that explores personal family difficulties. Although family is a unifying theme throughout the collection, the poems reveal various thoughts and perspectives on the situation. The collection's critical preface explores the ways in which the writing of a unified manuscript allows for a microscopic focus in each poem. This focus created an opportunity to make connections between the past and the present that had not previously been made. Additionally, this project explores the ways in which poetry can serve as a vehicle for understanding the past, and is a manifestation of the ability of poetry to transform sadness into art.