



In 1902, T. S. Eliot received Frank Chapman's *Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America* from his mother, Charlotte, as a present for his 14th birthday. Eliot's copy of the handbook is now in the Modern Archive of King's College (Cambridge, UK).

CAPE ANN

O quick quick quick, quick hear the song sparrow,
Swamp sparrow, fox-sparrow, vesper sparrow
At dawn and dusk. Follow the dance
Of goldenfinch at noon. Leave to chance
The Blackburnian warbler, the shy one. Hail
With shrill whistle the note of the quail, the bob-white
Dodging the bay-bush. Follow the feet
Of the walker, the water-thrush. Follow the flight
Of the dancing arrow, the purple martin. Greet
In silence the bullbat. All are delectable. Sweet sweet sweet
But resign this land at the end, resign it
To its true owner, the tough one, the sea gull.
The palaver is finished.

T.S. Eliot (b. 1888 - d. 1965)
Cape Ann, 1933-1934