



## **EZRA POUND (1885-1973)**

Ode III.30: Published in 1964; Ezra Pound was one of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries most influential and controversial poets. Renowned for the learning and daring of his verse, he published his masterpiece, *The Cantos 1-117*, in 1970.

This monument will outlast metal and I made it  
More durable than the king's seat, higher than pyramids  
Gnaw of the wind and rain?

Impotent

The flow of the years to break it, however many.

Bits of me, many bits, will dodge all funeral,  
O Libitina-Persephone and, after that,  
Sprout new praise. As long as  
Pontifex and the quiet girl pace the Capitol  
I shall be spoken where the wild flood Aufidus  
Lashes, and Daunus ruled the parched farmland:

Power from lowliness: "First brought Aeolic song to Italian  
fashion" –

Wear pride, work's gain! O Muse Melpomene,  
By your will win the laurel.

My hair, Delphic laurel.