

A U S T I N C L A R K E

In an undated letter to his friend Seumas O'Sullivan, probably written in the early 1930s, Austin Clarke enclosed a batch of seven poems that he refers to as "Rewritten Sentences". Under the title "Six Sentences" six of the poems were published in Clarke's *Collected Poems* (1936), with the exception of the following poem, which is held in Trinity College, Dublin's Seumas O'Sullivan archive (4644/3423). The poem is published by permission of the Board of Trinity College and the executor of Austin Clarke's estate, R. Dardis Clarke.

—JOHN MCAULIFFE

On a Famous Poet Who Would Be a Philosopher

Philosophy may sit indoors
But he knows better than to stop,
Our Aristotle on all fours,
Plotinus of the pegging top.