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Thomas's newly discovered poems written in response to the work of major 20th century artists published for the first time along with the works of modern art which inspired them. Product Identifiers. Publisher.  His Uncollected Poems, edited by Tony Brown and Jason Walford Davies (Bloodaxe Books, 2013), selects previously published but uncollected poems included in none of his other published books. Country of Publication. United Kingdom. Too Brave to Dream book. Read 2 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. When R.S. Thomas died in 2000, two seminal studies of modern art ... Thomas's vivid engagements with the works of art produce a series of dramatic encounters haunted by the recurring presence of conflict and by the struggle of the artist who, in a frequently menacing world, is 'too brave to dream'. At times we are offered
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