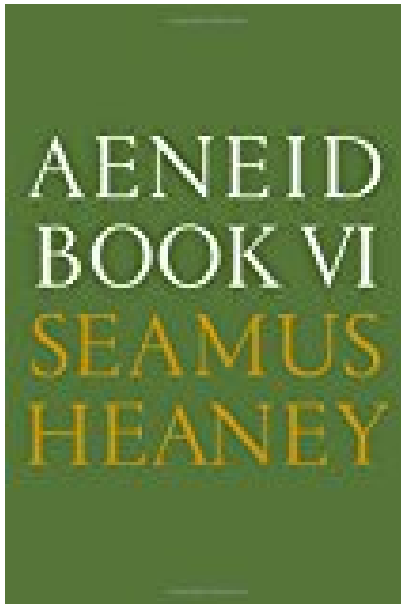


# Aeneid Book VI A New Verse Translation

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## BOOK DETAILS

- Author : Seamus Heaney
- Pages : 112 Pages
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## BOOK SYNOPSIS

A masterpiece from one of the greatest poets of the century In a momentous publication, Seamus Heaneys translation of Book VI of the Aeneid, Virgils epic poem composed sometime between 29 and 19 BC, follows the hero, Aeneas, on his descent into the underworld. In Stepping Stones, a book of interviews conducted by Dennis ODriscoll, Heaney acknowledged the significance of the poem to his writing, noting that "theres one Virgilian journey that has indeed been a constant presence, and that is Aeneass venture into the underworld. The motifs in Book VI have been in my head for years--the golden bough, Charons barge, the quest to meet the shade of the father." In this new translation, Heaney employs the same deft handling of the original combined with the immediacy of language and sophisticated poetic voice as was on show in his translation of Beowulf, a reimagining which, in the words of James Wood, "created something imperishable and great that is stainless--stainless, because its force as poetry makes it untouchable by the claw of literalism: it lives singly, as an English language poem."

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