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and for my most philosophi al of readers poetry for these poets has lwss to do with the omanti on eption of the lyri as intensely s b e tive and personal e pression egel the tteran e that is not so m h heard as overheard ohn t art ill than the original derivation of lyric as a composition performed on a lyre which is to say that it is a verbal form directly related to its m sical origins

ow is it that in the late twentieth cent ry we are once agian foregro nding the sound of lyric poetry

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since the etymology of the word lyric points to a musical derivation what does it mean to write of lyric poetry as if its sound structure where wholly irrelavent a mere e ternality hat for e ample soes the choice of a particular metre mean r the choice of a particular set of linguistic strategies