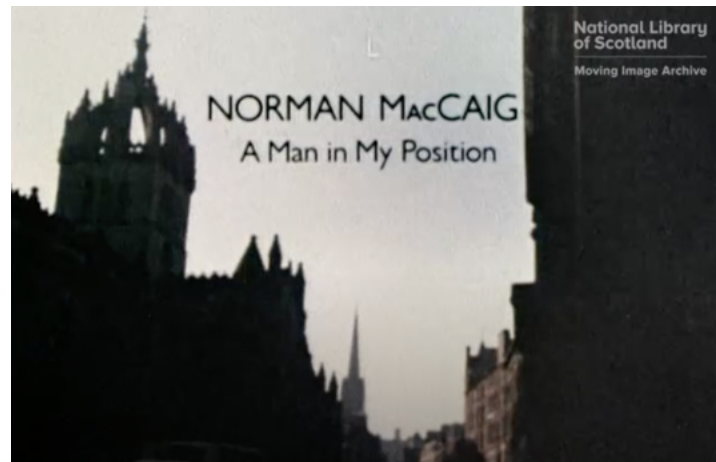


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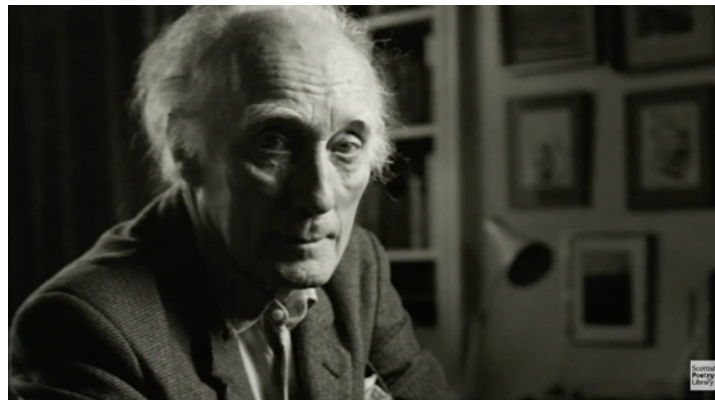


Norman MacCaig



[Norman MacCaig: A Man in My Position](#)

30-minute video from 1979. Norman MacCaig talks about his work to Magnus Magnusson and John MacInnes.



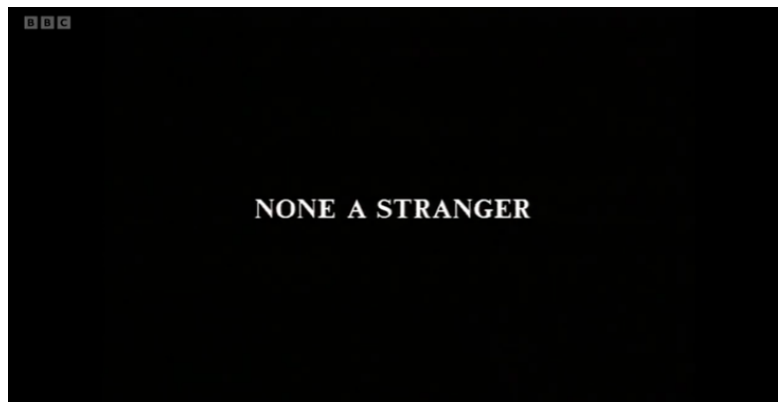
[Fishing for Poetry: A Celebration of Norman MacCaig](#)

One-hour documentary. Aly Bain, Billy Connolly and Andrew Greig celebrate MacCaig in the centenary year of his birth with a journey from Edinburgh to Assynt and then the long climb to the Loch of the Green Corrie with its elusive trout. Friends and fellow poets – including Jackie Kay, Liz Lochhead, Douglas Dunn and Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney – also feature with anecdotes, tributes and readings of some of MacCaig's finest poems.



[Stark Talk – Norman MacCaig](#)

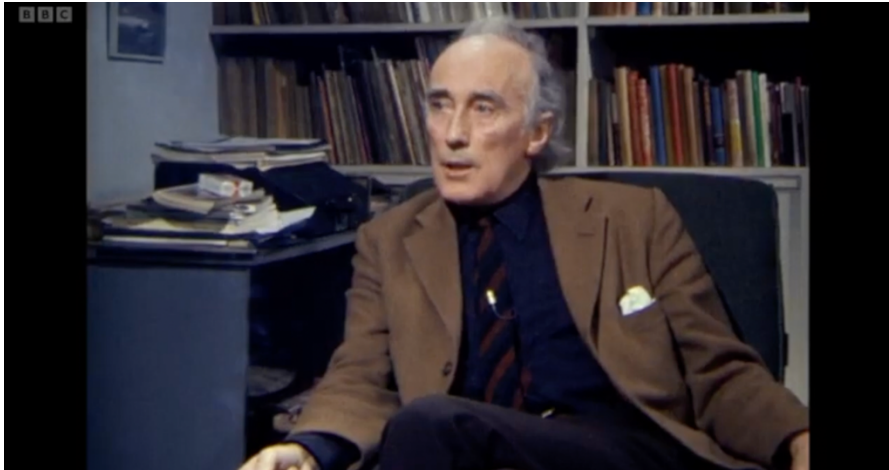
40-minute BBC Radio programme from 1993. Edi Stark talks to Norman MacCaig about his life and writing, with reading of his work



[Norman MacCaig at 80: None a Stranger](#)

25-minute video. Documentary first shown on Norman MacCaig's 80th birthday in 1990 to mark the centenary of his birth, featuring archive footage and readings of nine of his celebrated poems.

‘Landscape and I’



[Landscape and I](#)

2-minute video. A reading of the poem followed by a short interview with MacCaig about his relationship with landscapes. Extracted from a longer BBC documentary ‘Personal Pursuits – A Poet’s Workshop’.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmNxrPLjhEA&t=79s>

4-minute drone footage of Kinloch Rannoch, a village at the eastern end of Loch Rannoch, and its surrounding areas.

Skylark



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOKDrFM7pl>

Red Kite

(other types of hawk: buzzard, kestrel, hen harrier)



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sB_-cBAUZ8

Red deer hinds



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Other reading:

- [The Hinds](#) by Kathleen Jamie
- [Landscape](#) by John Hewitt
- [The Peace of Wild Things](#) by Wendell Berry

‘Old Highland Woman’



[Seinn Spioradail: Sacred Soundscapes of the Highlands & Islands](#)

This eight-minute film, made by Frances Wilkins and Ronan Martin as part of the Seinn Spioradail exhibition, gives an introduction to the sacred and spiritual song traditions of Gaelic-speaking Highland and Island communities.



<https://theconversation.com/gaelic-psalm-singing-why-the-ancient-tradition-is-in-danger-of-disappearing-188929>

An article by Frances Wilkins on the decline of Gaelic psalm singing.

Other reading:

- [‘The Old Lady’](#) by Iain Crichton Smith
- ‘A Drink of Water’ by Seamus Heaney
- [‘The Highland Widow’s Lament’](#) by Robert Burns

‘On Lachie’s Croft’

Cockerel



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrro7i00Q1E>

What Is Crofting: a 1-minute video that provides an overview of crofts and crofting

Other reading:

- [Toileachas / Happiness](#) by Meg Bateman
- [Coalend Hill Farm 1962](#) by Pippa Little
- [Desert Places](#) by Robert Frost



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