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Lifesaving Poems: Derek Mahon's 'Everything is Going to be All Right' – Anthony Wilson

So, my enthusiasm for Reading Ireland Month is starting to wane. The final week was the one that I had the most posts still to prep for and it turns out that a pandemic-related lockdown will kill any sense of clarity and creativity in my thinking! Still, on a positive note, I have enjoyed sharing some poems by Irish writers with you this week and today is one of my favourites. In his collected plays, *Theatre* was published. Ireland Month Irish Literature readingirelandmonth20 derek mahon irish literature poetry reading ireland month.

Like Like. Like Liked by 1 person. Another quietly beautiful piece, Cathy. Thank you both for this and for carrying on with Read Ireland Month as long as you felt you could. Take care. This too shall pass. There is no need to apologise for the disruption to your plans. We share them, we know!

Take care and stay well, Lisa. Well done for persisting, Cathy, despite the fact that there is a lot else that must be on your mind. Thank you Chris. To be honest, the blog has been a very welcome distraction and we all need that at the moment.

Hope you are doing ok? Only a slight temperature, Cathy, which emerged today. And I guess you must be alright so far, so hope it stays so! Stay well Chris. Thanks for sharing this poem. You are commenting using your WordPress.

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There will be dying, there will be dying, but there is no need to go into that. The poems flow from the hand unbidden Everything Will be All Right the hidden source is the watchful heart. The sun rises in spite of everything and the far cities are beautiful and bright. I lie here in a riot of sunlight watching the day break and the clouds flying. Everything Will be All Right is going to be all right.

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Everything is Going to Be Alright by Derek Mahon: A poem for #readingirelandmonth20

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When their whirlwind romance descends into abuse and indignity, Ogadinma is forced to channel her independence and resourcefulness to escape a fate that appears all but inevitable. Ogadinma, the UK debut by Ukamaka Olisakwe, introduces a heroine for whom it is impossible not to root, and announces the author as a gifted chronicler of the patriarchal experience.

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This was a raw, powerful, and heartbreakingly beautiful book. I felt so many negative feelings while reading this. They weren't towards the author or her work which was superb but towards a lot of the characters and the events the main ch Many thanks to W F Howes for gifting me a copy of this amazing audiobook via Netgalley, in exchange for my impartial review. They weren't towards the author or her work which was superb but towards a lot of the characters and the events the main character went through because of them.

Ogadinma, the eponymous character, went through hell, even from the opening chapters of Everything Will be All Right book. Set in Nigeria even though it was set a couple of decades from now there were so many elements and events and I could relate with, and I'm sure a lot Nigerian born and bred readers will relate with when they read this. Ogadinma's story starts out with her desperate search for admission into the Everything Will be All Right of Nigeria, Nsukka.

She had other options she could have easily gotten into, like a university in the North. As a result of tribal and political tensions rocking Nigeria at the time, her father deemed Everything Will be All Right safer for her to school in the East, so the only option acceptable was UNN.

That led her to the tiger's den, the tiger being Barrister Chima. Her experience with Barrister Chima was traumatizing and led to her life as she knew it falling apart. The author did the most amazing job of weaving so many things together at the start of the book, and working these things to serve as a catalyst for the next part of Ogadinma's story.

After her father sent her off to Lagos following her abortion, she's thrust into a new life and blindsided into a relationship, and later marriage with Tobe, her aunt's brother who's almost twice her age. Still as a result of her experiences with Barr Chima, she sees Tobe as a much better person than he actually is, and she Everything Will be All Right over so many red flags. When things take a turn for the worse in Tobe's life due to the military rule in the country, Tobe becomes a monster and Ogadinma gets more than she ever bargained for.

Ogadinma grew up without a mother, and her father who had been everything to her from her childhood, became something else entirely because of "purity culture". Her aunty Ngozi was also another very terrible character in this book. They did nothing but blame Ogadinma for her trauma and abuse, and led her to the slaughterhouse more than once.

I really Everything Will be All Right I could say all I want to regarding this masterpiece, but that would result in Everything Will be All Right it for a lot of readers, and I want you to read this book with a fresh set of eyes and experience everything as freshly and rawly as I did. The author delved into a lot of important themes and topics, and shed light on many things.

She discussed Post Partum Depression, domestic abuse, sexual liberation, how the victim is blamed over and over for their abuse, and so many other Everything Will be All Right. She not only discussed them, but she did this expertly. The narration was really something. On one hand, I really love Adjoa Andoh and her narration on other books. She wasn't needed here. This is a Nigerian book set in Nigeria with Igbo primary characters. An Igbo narrator should have done the narration here because the pronunciation of the names was so off.

I got so many names wrong and I had to keep replaying at the slowest speed. I'm still not sure I got a lot of the names right. I breezed through this book in less than 4 hours because it was so good and I just had to know how Ogadinma's story ended.

It was really worth it and I loved every bit of it. I highly recommend this book for all readers. Described as a 'feminist classic in the making', Ogadinma is the story of a young woman's journey to independence, battling everything the patriarchal, s Nigerian society throws her way.

It's a tough book Everything Will be All Right read content-wise, as it seems at times like every bad thing that could happen to Ogadinma, does. But I think Olisakwe balances Described as a 'feminist classic in the making', Ogadinma is the story of a young woman's journey to independence, battling everything the patriarchal, s Nigerian society throws her way.

But I think Olisakwe balances the character well - she's not infallibly strong, carelessly brushing off every tragic incident, nor is she defined by those tragic things. She's described as a 'heroine you can't help but root for', and I would have to agree with that! Although the content takes some stomaching, it's a joy to read in terms of style, which makes for a bit of a paradoxical reading experience.

Sometimes I wanted to take a break from the horror, but Olisakwe's style is so smooth and readable that I couldn't help but carry on.

Plus, there is some relief from the horror in the friendship between Ogadinma Everything Will be All Right Ejiro, I loved that. I also always enjoy it when an author can weave some historical context into a personal story - which Olisakwe does brilliantly here.

I will definitely read anything else Olisakwe publishes in the future, as I just love her writing! She does have another book already, I'm not sure how readily available it is but I'll be checking! Apr 08, Aryn rated it liked it. I think this will make a book club very chatty. Sep 09, Aisha rated it really liked it. At 17, an incident of abuse forces Ogadinma to leave behind dreams of university, and life with her father in Kano.

However, trials brought on by the political landscape means that Ogadinma will have to find the strength to flee before it is too late. The difficult content rarely weighs it down, although there are moments that take your breath away. Teen marriage, Everything Will be All Right violence, rape, abuse and postpartum depression are handled deftly but not dispassionately.

Although our setting is the s Nigeria Lagos and Kano mostly the above give it a contemporary and authentic feel with politics keeping us tethered to the past.

This feeling spreads beyond the atmosphere as the patriarchal nature of Nigerian society persists. The author cites similar reasons, however, further inspired by her marriage at 19 and the urge to capture this moment in history, a time where girls in their teens were leaving the familial for their martial homes. I enjoyed that the author honours the legacy of Nigerian literature, evident in the references to other women writers such as Buchi Emecheta and Flora Nwapa. Readers may find themselves conflicted by Ogadinma's character, hard to define and easily moulded by others desires and her escape may rankle given that it relies upon generosity and access to another man.

Also, is it entirely believable that one character can experience so much? My answer; yes it is because nothing felt new, alarming or refutable. Overall, this is a well written Everything Will be All Right thought-provoking critique of history and cultural practices that continue to exist. Sep 07, DubaiReader rated it it was amazing Shelves:netgalley-shelf. Read this book!

This was a powerful book, at times quite a difficult read, It is sure to infuriate anyone who supports women's rights, as it highlights the injustices against Nigerian women in the s. I was listening to an audiobook version, read by one of my favourite narrators, Adjoa Andoh.

I just love the varied accents she uses for Nigerian speech, yet she can divert easily to an English accent for the narration. Ogadinma is just

seventeen when we meet her. She is a young Nigerian woman, liv Read this book!

She is a young Nigerian woman, living with her father, after her mother left them when she was small. Her one dream is to gain admittance to a university. To do this she needs the help of someone with contacts to support her university admission. Her father is advised that Barrister Chima could help, so Ogadinma goes to visit him in his office. This is her first bad move and leads to a sequence of events that spirals downwards from then on.

Ogadinma Or, Everything Will Be All Right by Ukamaka Olisakwe

How should I not be glad to contemplate the clouds clearing beyond the dormer window and a high tide reflected on the ceiling? There will be dying, there will be dying, but there is no need to go into that.

The poems flow from the hand unbidden and the hidden source is the watchful heart. The sun rises in spite of everything and the far cities are beautiful and bright. I lie here in a Everything Will be All Right of sunlight watching the day break and the clouds flying. Everything is going to be all right. My reaction on reading it is was a kind of falling in love, infatuation followed by obsession, taking the book in which I found it a library copy of his Selected Poems everywhere and checking every ten minutes to see if it was still there.

As I have written before I owe my discovery of many of the poets who influenced my early publishing and subsequent first book to my friend the furniture maker and designer Duncan Kramer. Now of course I am returning to the poem as a middle aged man and I read it completely differently. I have had cancer. The day I was told I was well again a young poet friend of mine took her own life. Other friends and relatives have died, two especially close friends in as many weeks earlier this year.

I like this kind Everything Will be All Right bravado in a poem, albeit in a tone of low-key assertion. I know it is not true but nevertheless while Everything Will be All Right am in what John Gardner calls the dream of its narrative I am once again prepared to believe it and live it a little stronger perhaps in the moments after reading it as I pad downstairs to make coffee.

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Love for Now, my memoir of cancer, is published by Impress Books. Deck Shoes, a book of prose memoir and criticism, and Everything Will be All Right Afterlife, my fifth book of poems, are available now from Impress Books and Worple Press. This blog is archived by the British Library. View all posts by Anthony Wilson. To me it casts all the brightness Everything Will be All Right the poem under a shadow of darkness and Everything Will be All Right.

I like your comments on influence. Like Liked by 2 people. Dear Clarissa Everything Will be All Right thanks for your comment -again! I think that line is problematic -especially when you know people who have died or have been close to death... as we have said to each other before. It is as though, while we are in the dream of the poem, that the awfulness is kept at bay -even in poems about atrocities, paradoxically.

This is a mystery to me, but I celebrate it nevertheless. Like Liked by 1 person. I loved the poem, thanks for pointing me to it. Like Like. So pleased you like this one. You are probably right. I love that sense of facing up to the darkness and looking even harder at the light. Fierce willingness to enjoy life: there is a great phrase to take into the day.

Thank you so much as ever Anthony. Just stumbled on this this morning thanks to a friend in Dublin who ent me — Everything Will be All Right in Germany- a link to a gigy by the Irish band Scullion with a reading of this poem. Great site many thanks for taking the time and effort to do this. Thank you!

Tonight at 7pm. Do pass it on to your friend. Good wishes, Anthony. Sincere apologies for the typos. Sorry, very sloppy. Thank you for sharing this beautiful poem. Having been ill too the line about the watchful heart resonates. I have had so much time to watch life while not really living it. In doing that I feel my eyes are open like never before to the beauty that has always been there. As for the ugly things...they must be tolerated since there is no choice.

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