

Artwork 3 - Averted side

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Elspeth Owen



Ceramic

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Description

Elspeth Owen (b.1938) works near Cambridge with clay and other materials. As often happens, she named this piece after making it. Perhaps “averted side” is only one of many possible titles. The phrase comes in a letter that Rainer Maria Rilke wrote to a grieving friend on 6 January 1923:

‘..... death too (life’s averted side); ... like the moon, surely life has a side permanently turned away from us which is not its opposite but its counterpart towards completion, toward wholeness, toward the actual perfect and full sphere and globe of being.’

Public collections holding Elspeth Owen’s work include the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.