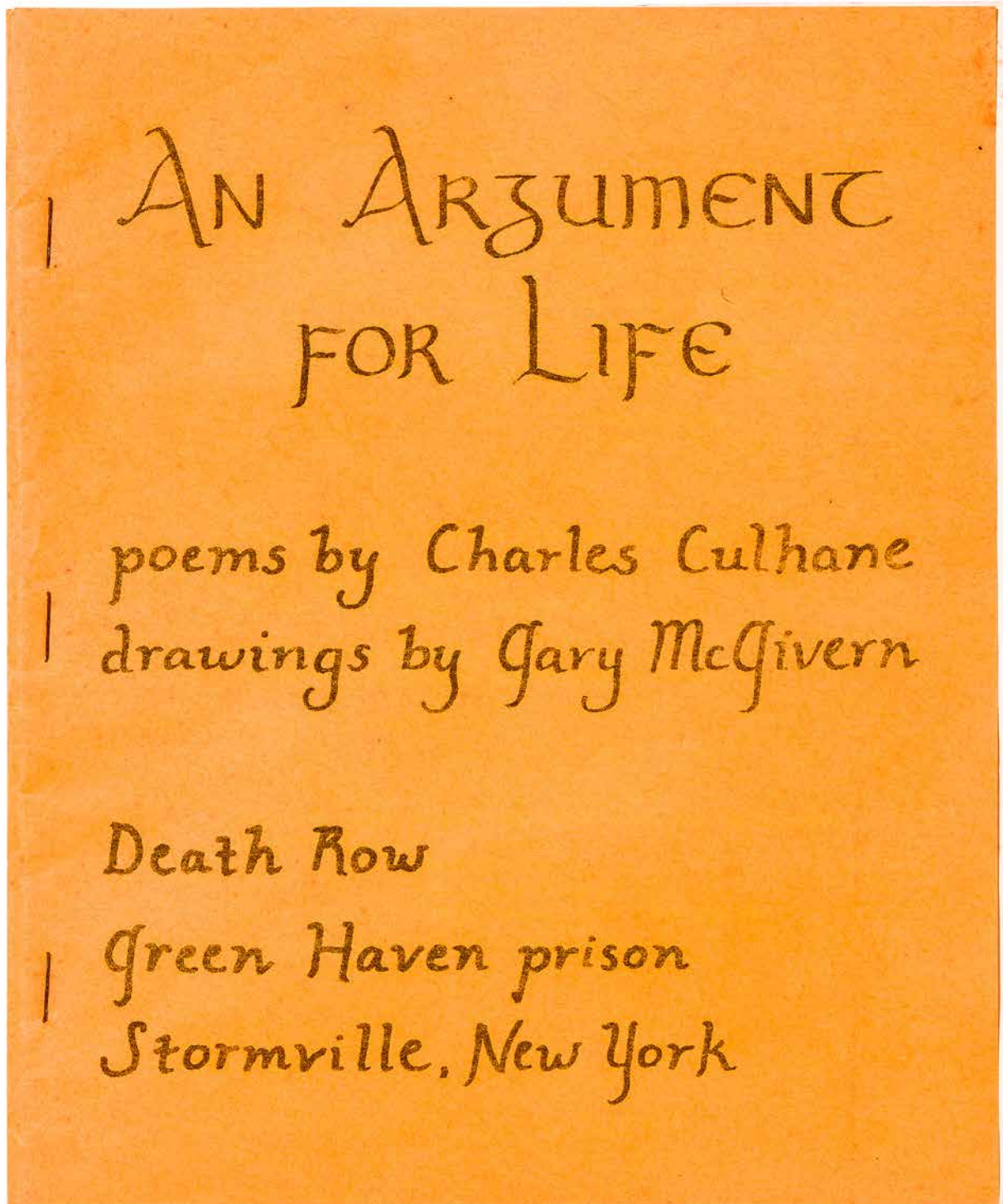


## Charles Culhane

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## RECREATION YARD

Sitting on a step before the green door  
Leaning back against the locked metal,  
painted glass

It's there if I want to look...

But feet firmly on the asphalt roof

Looking skyward, let the doors have their secrets  
I have none...

I have an apple half-eaten

A bank of grey-white clouds

An interesting line of blue running  
through the middle

The wealth of even a sunless day...

Hair blowing across my vision

The wind humming over the world

Over my face entering my body

Carrying a shiver to my bones

Shuddering through my shoulders and thighs

Now in a natural dance of the outer and  
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Giving praise to the wind

To the sky the earth and the heavens.

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