

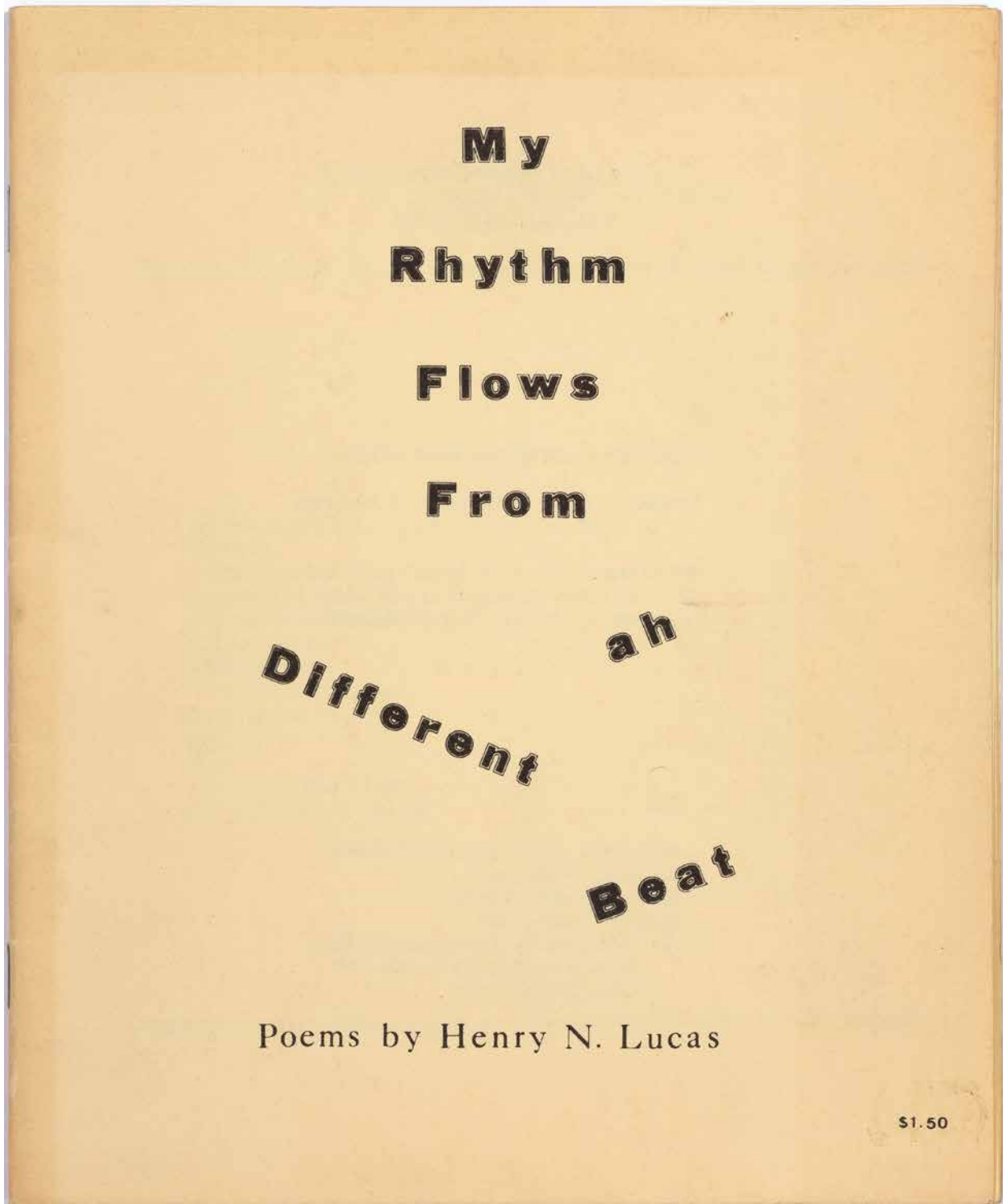


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My mama, Alma Aquillia Gooden
David L. Nickerson
John "Changa" Adams
Spanky, Jaribu and
Mr. Maurice G. Crockett who first
began to guide the poetic fire
blazing within me

so i merely dropped de sweet potato pie covered mixin spoon
and hurriedly toddled over to my priceless treasure
and hugged

and kissed

and loved mama

with de greatest thankfulness

dat ah child's heart could produce

and you know

somehow or nother

mama

my priceless treasure

seemed to have

plainly understood what i meant



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