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the book,” and investigates how Whitman’s “textual program responds . . . to the idiosyncrasies of nineteenth-century book culture—characterized in part by a burgeoning archive of material texts, the establishment of indexing societies, the professionalization of cataloguing methods, and the redescription of the architectural space of the library”; argues for Whitman’s “indexical textuality,” suggesting how “the hieroglyphs and catalogues of Whitman find their authority in the master trope of the pointing finger.”]

Picker, John M. “‘Red War Is My Song’: Whitman, Higginson, and Civil War Music.” In Lawrence Kramer, ed., *Walt Whitman and Modern Music* (New York: Garland, 2000), 1-24. [Revised version of Picker’s “The Union of Music and Text in Whitman’s *Drum-Taps* and Higginson’s *Army Life in a Black Regiment*,” *Walt Whitman Quarterly Review* 12 (Spring 1995).]

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Rugoff, Kathy. “Three American Requiems: Contemplating ‘When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom’d.’” In Lawrence Kramer, ed., *Walt Whitman and Modern Music* (New York: Garland, 2000), 133-150. [Looks at the “appeal” of Whitman’s poem for composers George Crumb (1929-), Roger Sessions (1896-1985), and Paul Hindemith (1895-1963).]

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- Vincent, John. "Rhetorical Suspense, Sexuality, and Death in Whitman's 'Calamus' Poems." *Arizona Quarterly* 56 (Spring 2000), 29-48. [Examines "issues of concealment and revelation of homosexual thematics" in the "Calamus" poems, looking at Whitman's "rhetorical bait-and-switch" tactics, his "thematic oscillation between absolute availability and absolute unavailability, materiality and ghostliness, and between the proffering and withholding of 'the truth' about the poet's sexual identity."]
- York, Jake Adam. "The Architecture of Address: The Monument and Public Speech in American Poetry (Walt Whitman, Hart Crane, Robert Lowell)." Ph.D. Dissertation, Cornell University, 2000. [Investigates "one mode of public poetry in America . . . that builds on and approximates the principles of monumental architecture," and reads "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry" as "combining the basic features of nineteenth-century commemorative oratory, often used to dedicate monuments, and contemporaneous architectural organicism," allowing Whitman to make the ferry "the site of temporal and cultural confluence"; *DAI* 60 (March 2000), 3368A.]

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