

Label On

Old Book

£125	says the label
for a book	secondhand too
it will be	thirdhand soon
given new life	sent here and there
by whoever will	claim it next
hopefully	keep it near
look closer	this old thing
read carefully	see it for what it is
and find	something stuck fast
it came from	a place i remember
somewhere shut down	in my childhood
almost forgotten	don't let it die, don't
clean the cover	peel it away
scrape with nails	and tear it to shreds
but save the words	collect each scrap still
they show	it's now gone forever
this book was once	sold
at swindon & co	for hk\$125