

PART II



A group photo at Raffles Town Club.

Clockwise: Eric Tinsay Valles, Edwin Thumboo, Rosemary Khoo, Oliver Seet, Daryl Lim Wei Jie, Wong Phui Nam and Robert Yeo

Photo by Daryl Lim Wei Jie

Edwin

Oliver BH Seet

He knew

the trenchant words

that like the tapper's blade drew sap;

the secret poultices for stems

spliced by the pruning knife;

the grafter's mating art.

The currents of green vigour

in the ribs of leaves

sun sprung,

that in his sapling days burst into flower,

yield now

fruit blushed

to the fine hue of thought,

seasoned in the aspic

of dream-raking times.