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From "In Praise of Darkness":

Translated from the Spanish of Jorge Luis Borges

*Old age (as others refer to it)
can be the season of our good fortune.
The animal has died, all but the dying.
What remains is the man and his spirit.
I live among vague luminous shapes
that have not yet become darkness . . .*

W.S. Merwin was US Poet Laureate from 2010–2011. He won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry twice, most recently for *The Shadow of Sirius* (Copper Canyon Press, 2009), and the National Book Award for *Migration: New and Selected Poems* (Copper Canyon Press, 2005). Author and translator of over fifty books, Merwin lives in Hawaii and France.



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