



Daggmasken

Vem vördar daggmasken,
odlaren djupt under gräsen i jordens mull.
Han håller jorden i förvandling.
Han arbetar helt fylld av mull,
stum av mull och blind.

Han är den undre, den nedre bonden
där åkrarna klädas till skörd.
Vem vördar honom,
den djupe, den lugne odlaren,
den evige grå lille bonden i jordens mull.

Harry Edmund Martinson (1904 - 1978)

The Earthworm

Who really respects the earthworm,
the farmworker far under the grass in the soil.
He keeps the earth always changing.
He works entirely full of soil,
speechless with soil, and blind.

He is the underneath farmer, the underground one,
where the fields are getting on their harvest clothes.
Who really respects him,
this deep and calm earth-worker,
this deathless, grey, tiny farmer in the planet's soil.

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by Robert Bly*

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