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About the Author

Seamus Heaney (1939-2013) received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1995. His poems, plays, translations, and essays include *Opened Ground*, *Electric Light*, *Beowulf*, *The Spirit Level*, *District and Circle*, and *Finders Keepers*. Robert Lowell praised Heaney as the "most important Irish poet since Yeats."

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