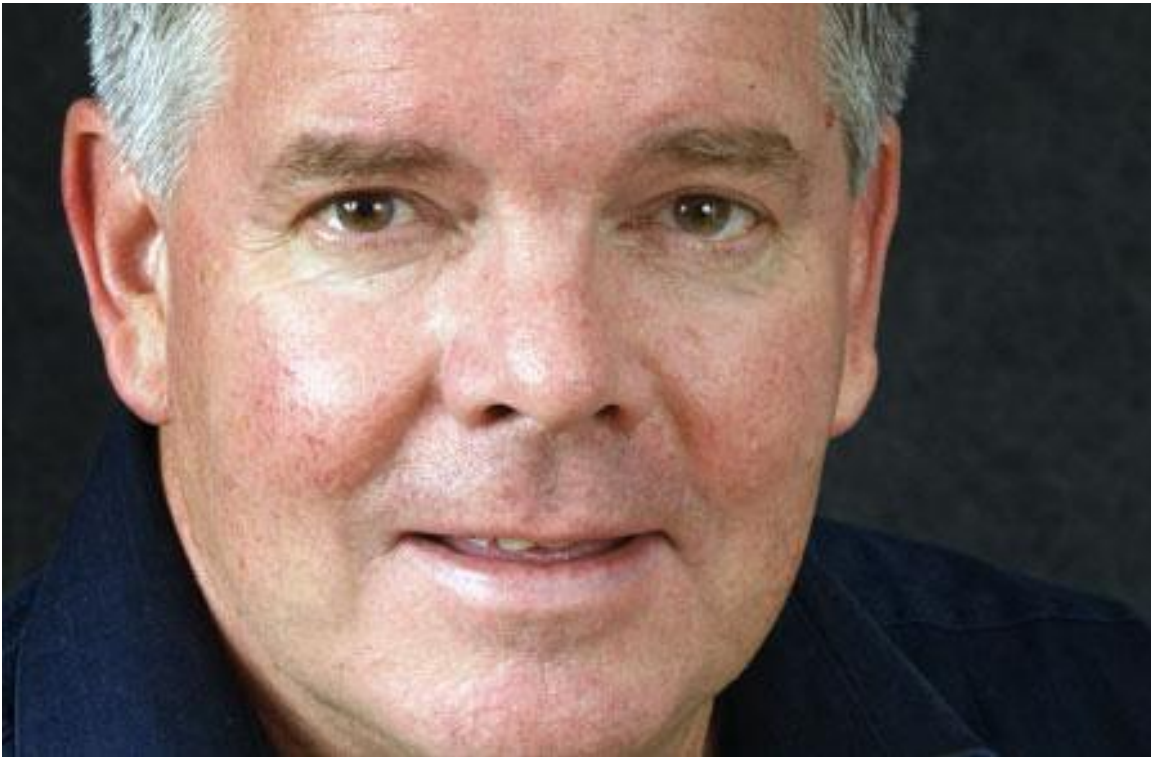


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Bilgere's poetry, while residing firmly in the every-day world of janitors, college students or siblings, is noted for its controlled poignancy and limpid free-verse line. Billy Collins has described him as "a welcome breath of fresh American air." A resident of Ohio, Bilgere lives in Cleveland, where he teaches creative writing at John Carroll University.