

Robert Bly



Robert Bly was born in western Minnesota, and he attended Harvard University and the University of Iowa. He was a prolific author who published more than 30 books of poetry and edited a magazine to introduce foreign poets to an English audience. He also gave workshops on masculinity based on his book *Iron John: A Book about Men*, the founding text of the mythopoetic men's movement. In his early poems such as "Driving toward the Lac Qui Parle River" and "Waking from Sleep," Bly used descriptions of American geography to evoke a feeling of solitude and isolation and to reveal a consciousness merging those emotions with landscapes.