

Tomas Tranströmer

stone poetry





born 15 april 1931, grew up in Stockholm,

had his debut with his collection 17 poems in 1954 already then he developed his unique style of writing

He is a poet, psychologist and nobel prize winner

For 35 years, (1965- 2000) he lived with his family in Västerås

Västerås city decided to create stone poetry, seven of his haiku poems have been placed on the streets in the city centre

The purpose is to create small breathing spaces in the centre

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translation by Patty Crane

The white sun, training
alone, runs the long distance
to death's blue mountains.

And the night streams in
from east to west, traveling
in time with the moon.

The presence of God.
In the tunnel of birdsong
a locked door opens.

