

Two Poems

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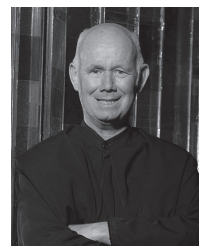
Merton: From Here to History

He passed from here to history
 There was no border crossing guard
 He never saw borders anyway
 And by his passing he has shown
 The past still lives, it shines, it laughs
 And in the next life only grown

On the Monastic Calling

I live a life of prayer
 I don't do much for God
 Though He's done all for me
 Unbelievers find this odd

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