



## Late Wonders: New & Selected Poems

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Not all poets are storytellers, not even close, but all of them wish they were, wish they had a better understanding of how words and images bind spells. Wesley McNair is the author of nine collections of stories in the shape of poems. The Maine poet laureate from 2011 to 2016, he won the Robert Frost Prize, the Theodore Roethke Prize, and numerous other prestigious awards over many decades.

### *THE NAME*

*At the end of her life,  
when the fire  
lifted her house away,  
and her left side  
vanished in a stroke,  
and she woke  
in that white room  
without apron or shoes,  
she searched each face  
until she found her twice-  
divorced daughter, the one  
she always said wasn't  
over Fool's Hill yet,  
and, taking her hand  
as if they'd all along  
been close, began  
to call the name  
the frightened daughter  
never heard before,  
not father or brother.*

MATT SUTHERLAND (November / December 2022)

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