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Sixteen collections of poems. Poet Laureate of Colorado 2014–2018. Literary magazine editor. Literary book publisher cofounder. Judging the man by his poetry, Joseph Hutchison is as sane and sensitive as poet's come, with the writing skills of a master. His mountain home, no doubt offering long-distance vistas, speaks for itself.

What I Know

Je est un autre.
—Rimbaud

Tears creep down the upturned face.
My face, although it seems I see it
from across the room. It seems
that I approach the bed and gaze
at the weeping man lying there. I am
sorry about his loneliness and fear,
but I know they will diminish
toward morning when sleep
comes at last. The pillow will be
damp and cold, but sleep will come.

Why, I wonder, can't my knowledge
comfort him? After all, he is me
and suffers only because he refuses
to see me standing in the dark
with what I know.

MATT SUTHERLAND (Winter 2017)

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