

ROBERT KING

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Reading the River

All day the stones at the bottom  
gleam bronze in the sunlight,

dark bronze in the shadows, water,  
like thick harvest air, rippling

over names on gravestones  
and what were the final facts

incessantly wash away.  
Trying to read those stones

which seem important  
one ends up only watching the river,

that current that rubs every  
distinction downstream.



## ABOUT ROBERT KING

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Robert King's first book, *Old Man Laughing* (Ghost Road Press), was a finalist for the 2008 Colorado Book Award in Poetry, and his second, *Some of These Days*, will appear in 2013 from Conundrum Press. He recently won the Grayson Books Chapbook Competition with *Rodin & Co.* He lives in Greeley, Colorado, where he directs the website [www.ColoradoPoetsCenter.org](http://www.ColoradoPoetsCenter.org).

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