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#### Review

We are so fortunate that two magnificent poets have been drawn to Mirabai's music. Like two twining flutes, Robert Bly and Jane Hirshfield ignite these subtle, surrendered-heart notes.—Coleman Barks, author of *The Drowned Book* and *The Essential Rumi* 

#### About the Author

**Robert Bly** is the author of the groundbreaking *New York Times* bestseller *Iron John*, which launched the men's movement to national fame, as well as several collections of original poetry, most recently, *The Night Abraham Called to the Stars: Poems*. He has translated numerous poets into English, including Kabir, Pablo Neruda, Cesar Vallejo, Juan Ramon Jimenez, and Frederico Garcia Lorca. He lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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