

**Unspent Wealth**

a lifetime of gems  
assayed as cast-off pebbles  
can't take them with me

my elders' wisdom  
gone to their final abyss  
with their priceless wealth

young ones so busy  
tending to vital concerns  
as was I, back then

wishing I knew then  
a smidge of what I know now  
life's costly lessons

here, take these pebbles  
this memoir of unspent wealth  
my lifetime of gems

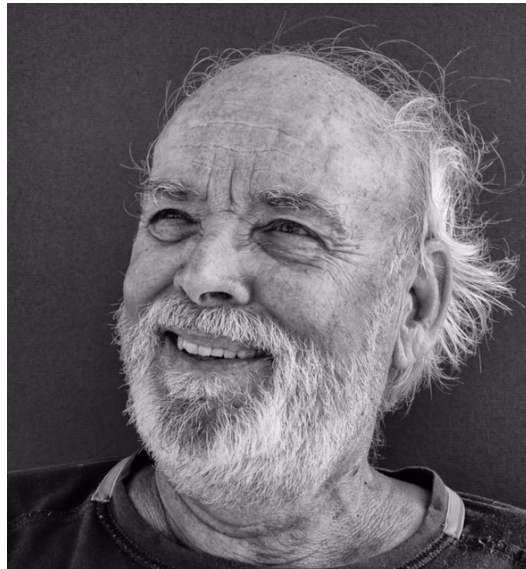


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