

ROBERT WEST

Poems by *Robert West*

On a Hawkish Head of State Who Says His Favorite Political Philosopher Is Jesus

As always, some disciples disappoint.
Some can't pass up the bribe, and sell you out.
More difficult to judge are those who out
of hand praise all you say but miss the point.

In Memory

Let me hear
my name again
in my father's
father's voice,

let me answer
in the boy's voice
he would still know
by that name

Robert West's poems have appeared in *The Carolina Quarterly*, *The Cortland Review*, *Pembroke Magazine*, *Poetry*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and other magazines. He teaches English at Mississippi State University.