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Here is the definitive collection of poetry from one of America's best-loved writers—now available in paperback. With the publication of this book, eight volumes of poetry were brought back into print, including the early nature-based lyrics of *Plain Song*, the explosive *Outlyer & Ghazals*, and the startling "correspondence" with a dead Russian poet in *Letters to Yesenin*. Also included is an introduction by Harrison, several previously uncollected poems, and "Geo-Bestiary," a 34-part paeon to earthly passions. *The Shape of the Journey* confirms Jim Harrison's place among the most brilliant and essential poets writing today.

"Behind the words one always feels the presence of a passionate, exuberant man who is at the same time possessed of a quick, subtle intelligence and a deeply questioning attitude toward life. Harrison writes so winningly that one is simply content to be in the presence of a writer this vital, this large-spirited."--*The New York Times Book Review*

"(An) untrammelled renegade genius... here's a poet talking to you instead of around himself, while doing absolutely brilliant and outrageous things with language."—*Publishers Weekly*

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When first published, this book immediately became one of Copper Canyon Press's all-time bestsellers. It was featured on Garrison Keillor's *Writer's Almanac*, became a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize*, and was selected as one of the "Top-Ten Books of 1998" by *Booklist*.

Jim Harrison is the author of twenty books, including *Legends of the Fall* and *The Road Home*. He has also written numerous screenplays and served as the food columnist for *Esquire* magazine. He lives in Michigan and Arizona.

Dead Deer

Amid pale green milkweed, wild clover,
a rotted deer
curled, shaglike,
after a winter so cold
the trees split open.
I think she couldn't keep up with
the others (they had no place
to go) and her food,
frozen grass and twigs,

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