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David Budbill continues his popular poetic ruminations on life in remote New England—an outward survey of a forested mountain and an introspection of self-reliance, anonymity, and the creative life. Inspired by classical Chinese and Japanese poets, Budbill contemplates the seasons, ambition, his questionable desire for fame and fortune, and simple, focused contentment: "Weed the beans. Pick the peas."

## "Out in the Woods"

*The only time I'm really free is when I'm out in the woods  
cutting firewood, stacking brush, clearing trails.*

*Just the chain saw, the dog and me.  
Heave and groan, sweat and ache.*

*Work until I can't stand it anymore.  
Take a break.*

*Sit on the needle-strewn ground up against a big pine tree,  
drink some water, stare out through the woods, pet the dog.*

*Stretch out on the ground, take a nap,  
dog's head on my lap.*

*Ah, this would be the time and place and way  
to die.*

**David Budbill** is the author of poems, plays, essays, speeches, and book reviews. He has also served as a commentator on NPR's *All Things Considered*. He lives in the mountains of northern Vermont where he tends his garden and website.

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