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—Natalie M. Van Deusen, University of Alberta, in *Scandinavian-Canadian Studies*

#### About the Author

Jackson Crawford earned his Ph.D. in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and an M.A. in linguistics from the University of Georgia. He has taught Norse mythology, the Old Norse language, and the history of the Scandinavian languages at the University of California, Los Angeles. His poems in English and Norwegian have appeared in several journals.

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