



Advance Praise

for If the World Becomes So Bright

“ Here is the man at home in the world: husband, father, naturalist—monkish, bookish, freighted with desire, wary of end times, wondrous at the neighborhood apocalypses. Here is Keith Taylor—one of our best—at his very best. Bravo! Bravo, Maestro!
—Thomas Lynch

“ Sometimes—all too rarely—one enters a book of poems and trusts, at once, the wisdom and the tact that govern it. Keith Taylor's is such a book. The volume of *Livy*, the child in her playpen, the gun—yes, even the gun—in the teenager's mouth become a kind of blessing in these poems, insisting that the world is here, is real, is lit with its own fleetingness, is far larger than we are. I keep hoping if I linger in these pages long enough, some portion of the wonderful attentiveness to be found here will rub off on me.
—Linda Gregerson

“ Sitting down with these poems is like being snowed in up north, glad to have enough wood for the wood stove, glad to be hanging out with this voice, one who tells a story, records a meaningful moment, notes a poignant or rueful anecdote all with authentic lyricism and complexity of tone.
—Jack Ridl

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