

## **George Held**

### **Barter**

Fall at the summer house  
on a hill two hundred miles  
north of the city:

our field mowed, hay bales  
stacked as in Brueghel,  
fodder for the farmer's horses.

**George Held's** work appears regularly online and in print. He has received five Pushcart Prize nominations. *After Shakespeare: Selected Sonnets* (Cervená Barva Press, 2011) is his fourteenth collection of poems.