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Golden Light, 2010
oil on canvas, 28 x 48 in



courtesy: Situ Art Gallery, Laguna Beach

BILLY COLLINS

Morning

Now that the sun is on them
the palmetto fronds
crowding the windows
look like nothing less
than green bangs
on the forehead of Florida.

Small white clouds
visible in the skylight
are crossing the sky
like messenger boys
slowly delivering
news to the horizon.

And the wallpaper?
well, the wallpaper is
just the wallpaper,
roses repeated
on every roll, repeated
thorns and droplets of dew.

Billy Collins's latest collection is *Aimless Love: New and Selected Poems* (Random House, 2013). He is a distinguished fellow of the Winter Park Institute of Rollins College and former United States Poet Laureate.