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With the publication of *The Tunnel: Selected Poems of Russell Edson*, it seems appropriate to feature Edson's work in this volume of *The Prose Poem: An International Journal*. Over the last four years, I've been surprised at the number of prose poets—poets with very different stylistic and thematic concerns— who cite Edson as an influence. Perhaps "influence" is a poor choice of words. It's more likely they sense a kindred imagination at work in Edson's poems, while still recognizing him as an original voice in contemporary American poetry. Russell Edson certainly seems to be, as he jokingly calls himself, "Little Mr. Prose Poem."

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