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American poet S. Donovan Mullaney, born in 1977, is a native of Plymouth, MA. Mullaney studied creative writing under poets Lloyd Schwartz and Joyce Peseroff at University of Massachusetts, Boston. Mullaney lives on his family's horse farm near Cape Cod.

Mullaney also holds the honorary position of Poet-in-Residence at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. For the past two years his poetry has been featured as part of the Unitarian Universalist Association's celebration of marriage equality in Massachusetts and Boston LGBT Pride.

His first full-length collection of poems, *Follow the Wolf Moon*, was published in January 2006 by MJS Publishing Group. Mullaney has also created spoken-word CD entitled 'Travelin' Pomes, ' forthcoming from Boston-based Brave Records, and a collection of haiku entitled *Ladyslipper's Wisdom*.

His poems have appeared in *The New York Review*, *The Watermark*, *Hoi Polloi*, and *Pemmican*; other work has been featured on WOMR 92.1 FM, Radio Provincetown and WERS 88.9 FM, Boston. Mullaney is also an BMI songwriter.

From 'Ladyslipper's Wisdom'

Pine needle acid
feeds the forest floor's soil.
Ladyslippers drink.

A green leg, upright,
supports dangling ballet shoe;
there are no laces.

'How do orchids grow? '
Child vacations with father.
Questions buzz, loud bees.

The orchid trembles
if disturbed; when the flower
is picked, the root dies.

Surprise: the orchid
survives its endangerment.
They fill my side yard!

Their calm existence
can't be transplanted into
one's eager garden.

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