About

Robert Bense, a native of Illinois, has published widely in magazines and literary journals—from Agni to The Sewanee Review.

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Poems recently published—

Shorty, King Lear Notre Dame Review Winter 2012
Remedy for Pessimism Shenadoah February 2013
Public Face of the Private Pleiades forthcoming

Visitors will find his poem Morandi on Poetry Daily, 15 Aug 09.
“Pentecostals at the River Baptizing appears on Verse Daily, 17 Feb 06.

Some poets recently read: W.S di Piero, Hayden Saunier, Ethel Rackin.