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Peter Rawnsley is a retired public servant living in Porirua, New Zealand. *Stones and Kisses* is his second collection of poems, following *Light Cones* (Mākarō Press, 2018).

# STONES & KISSES

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- second collection by Porirua poet Peter Rawnsley
- poems about the passing of time, grief, science and the joys of the natural world

*Today I am a different me than I was yesterday.  
I can feel it in how I hold myself and look about.  
Something has changed, everything leans a little sideways.*

Peter Rawnsley writes of movement even as his own world becomes increasingly still. He is acutely aware of the natural world around him – its softness and light as well as its brutality – from Karehana Bay to Castlepoint to Tijuana, and of his own place in it. He nods to the inevitable passing of time, but importantly there is still time, and that’s something he’s grateful for. He feels blessed to be here.

*Stones and Kisses* is a tender, reflective and playful collection from one of Aotearoa’s best-kept secrets.

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### Praise for *Light Cones*

‘Rawnsley pulls the reader in with the magic of his words; this is a great first book’ — Richard Taylor



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