

## A Jewish Poet

By Yehoshua November

It is hard to be a Jewish poet.  
You cannot say things about G-d  
that will offend the disbelievers.  
And you always have to remind someone  
it wasn't your people who killed their savior.  
And Solomon and David are always laughing  
over your shoulder  
like a father and son ridiculing the unfavored brother.  
And you cannot entice people with the sloping  
parts of a woman's body  
because you must always remain pure.  
And every day you have to ask yourself why you're writing  
when there is already the one great book.  
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You cannot say anything about the disbelievers,  
which might offend G-d.

*From the book G-d's Optimism*