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**Jon Fosse**

## *Nightsongs*

I don't know what it is  
that always makes something happen  
But it must be something  
Because something always happens  
I don't want anything to happen  
and then something  
happens all the same  
(Translated by Gregory Motton)

They have a child and life changes. He can't go out, and she can't stay in the house. He writes words that no one will publish, and she takes a lover.

In *Nightsongs* we meet a young couple and their newborn child. He writes words that no one will publish, becoming more and more isolated from each refusal. She finds the life they lead unbearable. One night she goes out and returns with a new friend. The Royal Court production of *Nightsongs* was dubbed 'Waiting for Godot without the gags'.

*"Painfully absorbing."*

- Financial Times

## Jon Fosse

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Jon Fosse is widely considered one of the world's most important living writers. Born in 1959 in Strandebarne, a small village in the western part of Norway, he lives today in the Grotten, an honorary residence, as well as in Hainburg, Austria, and Frekhaug, Norway.

Fosse has received numerous prizes, both in Norway and internationally, and he is mentioned increasingly often as a likely contender for the Nobel Prize. He is currently finishing a major seven-volume work of what he calls "slow prose": *Septology (Septologien)*, to be published in three volumes in 2019, 2021, and 2023.



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