

**Yehuda Amichai (1924-2000):**

***Ruth the Moabite***

*Knew all about wheat and wheat fields,*

*On eyes bigger than love*

*And on a plowed golden wheat field after the harvest*

*And Naomi who said I am full went and emptied my lord,*

*She knew everything about the empty and full process*

*On her sons who have died and on the groan of an empty uterus*

*Like an accordion that makes a melody from the full and empty.*

Yehuda Amichai was an Israeli poet. Amichai is considered, both in Israel and internationally, as Israel's greatest modern poet, and one of the leading poets worldwide. He also wrote two novels and several short stories. He was one of the first to write in colloquial Hebrew.

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