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A beggar's mistake harms no one but the beggar. A king's mistake, however, harms everyone but the king. Too often, the measure of power lies not in the number who obey your will, but in the number who suffer your stupidity. R. Scott Bakker, *The Judging Eye*

How much truth is contained in something can best be determined by making it thoroughly laughable and then watching to see how much joking around it can take. For truth is a matter that can withstand mockery, that is refreshed by any ironic gesture directed at it. Whatever cannot withstand satire is false. Peter Sloterdijk, *Critique of Cynical Reason*

So ring the bells  
that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in.

Leonard Cohen, Anthem, from the 1992 album *The Future*

#### **About the author**

Ezra Williams was born in New Orleans during widespread flooding in 1978. Selected Pieces is his sixth book, following 2021's *Fairytales and Oddities* and he is currently working on a horror novel, *Weltschmerz*. He is an award-winning musician, sometime comedian and filmmaker, and, most importantly, father to a young son. He lives in London.

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