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It was a contemplative and loving life that poet Donald Hall, the nation’s immediate past poet laureate, led with his late wife, fellow poet Jane Kenyon. Even after she was diagnosed with leukemia, their reflective nature stood them in good stead. The photo on Hall’s desk shows him with Kenyon. The cover photograph is the work of Jon Gilbert Fox.

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