

**Meanwhile the Lights Go Down and Everything Becomes Black**

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**Jon Fosse**

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The short play *Meanwhile the Lights Go Down and Everything Becomes Black* displays Fosse's characteristic compression of theatrical time and space at its most concentrated. Here, Fosse explores the dilemmas of an errant husband, his young lover and his family.

## **Jon Fosse**

Nobel Prize-winner Jon Fosse (b. 1959), is widely considered one of the most important writers of our time. For almost forty years, he has written novels, plays, poems, stories, essays, and children's books. His award-winning work has been translated into more than fifty languages and his plays have been staged over a thousand times all over the world.

Jon Fosse grew up in Strandebarm, a small village in the western part of Norway, he now lives in the Grotten, an honorary residence in Oslo, as well as in Hainburg, Austria, and Frekhaug, Norway.

Fosse was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2023 and has received numerous prizes, both in Norway and internationally through the years.