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Harald Falck-Ytter (1927-2006) was born in the United States to Norwegian parents. He grew up in Canada, Germany and Norway. worked in Norway and Germany, as a lecturer, musician, and minister. He dedicated many years to studying the different aspects of the aurora.

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