



Witch Wife

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When the poet gets personal, asking the stranger to sit through her deep feelings about her body, her lover, her dreams and fears, the stranger makes a demand in return: *only if you interest me, poet*. And yes, Kiki Petrosino fully delivers on that account. She is thoughtful, eminently likable—it's a pleasure to know her. Poet and essayist, Petrosino's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *FENCE*, *Tin House*, *Ploughshares*, and *Best American Poetry*. She is the author of two other books.

Break-Up-A-Thalamion

*You don't share
your scones with me anymore
even though you said
I'd have all your buon
sostegno per sempre.*

*I don't care
for your bakery smug.
I'm crying you out.
My tears are cold cubes
springing off my face
like cartoons.*

*Hey.
You're a punch
in the head. Nobody
will tell you so
but me.*

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