



## Witch Wife

**Kiki Petrosino**

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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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