

A Poet's Complaint by Marina Romani

a poet's complaint

Time

slips through
the cracks
between
junk mail
and email

leaks out
during
home chores
phone tag
and chitchat

slithers off
at lunches
meetings
and birthdays

insights images whimsies
cling to the walls
hang on by their nails

words float about
poised for a summons.

Marina Romani lives in Monterey, California, where solitary walks along the coast often stimulate her to write, but the triggers to new poems might be random events and observations, memory, or dream. In the last ten years her work has appeared with some regularity in print or on-line literary magazines, including *CWC*

Literary Review, Monterey Poetry Review, Porter Gulch Review, Poetry Pacific, and previous issues of Homestead Review. Marina's first book, *Child Interwoven* (Park Place Publications, 2016), is a series of memories and reflections in poem and prose of her Russian girlhood in China during World War II and its aftermath. She is at work on her second book—a collection of poems written since 2008. Stay tuned.