

At The Parish House

The Living Poets Society 2024

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The Poets and Their Poems

Diane Kincannon Diane and her husband live on a farm in Clarke County. Her original career was in music and theater; she has a Master of Music degree in Voice Performance. She joined her husband's executive search practice, and then in 2004, took up the Barns of Rose Hill project in Berryville, leading the capital campaign, then chairing the operating organization from 2014-2019.

She only turned her mind seriously to poetry about four years ago and began to write three years ago. Two of her poems placed in the Poetry Society of Virginia's annual contests, one this year and one last. She has had several pieces published in the Virginia Writers Project's journal, and a sonnet was published by an online journal, Quibble Lit.

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I want it back,
the fresh-swept face, the one
with no abstract etchings or saddlebag cheeks.
I want back my body before gravity got it.

I want my grandfather's old Rambler, parked
in the library lot. I want to find the note
under the wiper, *I LOVE YOU*, in that
unmistakable hand.

I want back supple arms
that let me wear that red strapless gown

that said look at me, that said
I belong.

I want to have taken that other road,
the one where I get to choose what I want,
not what I thought he wanted.
I want to have told him that.

I want to gallop a horse again across the desert,
to ride in ocean surf by moonlight,
to be Elizabeth Taylor soaring over the big ones
on the back of a champion, defying gravity.

I want a do-over, a mulligan,
I want more than a love score.
I want to win the blue.