

Amy Barone

Taking Back Sundays

I slip into reveries for a last caress,
but a tree's magic red canopy startles.

Blue lights faded away,
fall's yellow shine sits in for the sun.

On a walk near my old school,
dazed and drifting through a day offline,

I approach holy ground,
where orange foliage flutters down,

and again question destiny,
tugged by earth's second moon.

Amy Barone's new poetry collection, *Defying Extinction*, will be published by Broadstone Books in summer 2022. New York Quarterly Books published her collection, *We Became Summer*, in 2018. She wrote chapbooks *Kamikaze Dance* (Finishing Line Press) and *Views from the Driveway* (Foothills Publishing.) Barone's poetry has appeared in *Local Knowledge*, *New Verse News*, *Paterson Literary Review*, *Sensitive Skin*, and *Standpoint* (UK), among other publications. She belongs to the Poetry Society of America and the *brevitas* online poetry community. From Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, she lives in New York City.