

Connemara Wadsworth

Spring Peepers

winter's recess marked by more
than snow-melt filling streams

in their headlong rush downhill—
peepers wake, pull themselves

from still-chilled mud before
leaves open their calls an all

night chorus of bells ringing
through weeks, their prom-night

dance as they search for mates—
their songs of shedding winter's weight

Connemara Wadsworth's chapbook, *The Possibility of Scorpions*, about the years her family lived in Iraq in the early 1950's, won the White Eagle Coffee Store Press 2009 Chapbook Contest. Her poems have most recently appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *Smoky Blue Literary & Arts Magazine*, *Valparaiso*, *The Kentucky Review*, and *The Mayo Review*. *The Women* was nominated for publication in Pushcart Prize Best of the Small Presses by *Bloodroot Magazine*. Connemara and her husband live in Newton, Massachusetts.