

Gerard Sarnat

Mental Note

May of 1983
when we bought
our house tucked
in a woodsy valley
surrounded by fine
emerald green hills,
I told myself that'd
be a good month to
sell but as it turns out
since climate change
even April is flaxen
'til maybe blackened
by raging forest fires.

Gerard Sarnat won San Francisco Poetry's 2020 Contest, the Poetry in the Arts First Place Award plus the Dorfman Prize, and has been nominated for handfults of 2021 and previous Pushcarts plus Best of the Net Awards. Gerry is widely published including in *Buddhist Poetry Review*, *Gargoyle*, *Main Street Rag*, *New Delta Review*, *Arkansas Review*, *Hamilton-Stone Review*, *Northampton Review*, *New Haven Poetry Institute*, *Texas Review*, *Vonnegut Journal*, *Brooklyn Review*, *San Francisco Magazine*, *Monterey Poetry Review*, *The Los Angeles Review* and *The New York Times* as well as by Harvard, Stanford, Dartmouth, Penn, Chicago and Columbia presses. He's authored the collections *Homeless Chronicles* (2010), *Disputes* (2012), *17s* (2014) and *Melting the Ice King* (2016). Gerry is a physician who's built and staffed clinics for the marginalized as well as a Stanford professor and healthcare CEO. Currently he is devoting energy/ resources to deal with climate justice and serves on Climate Action Now's board. Gerry's been married since 1969 with three kids plus six grandsons and is looking forward to future granddaughters.