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Clouds heavy as blood-  
soaked sponges clot the night sky  
over Fallujah.

They hide the bombers  
that drill like blind mosquitoes  
above this café.

The tea in my cup  
quakes, spoon I stirred sugar with  
rattles against glass.

I no longer join  
the patrons in the basement  
they call a shelter.

I no longer care  
where the bombs are falling. Some  
would say it's despair,

but it's something pure  
that sings air I fall through  
as I come to meet

myself in the flesh,  
bow before my reflection  
in the quavering glass.



**DAVID SULLIVAN'S** first book, *Strong-Armed Angels*, was published by Hummingbird Press, and two of its poems were read by Garrison Keillor on *The Writer's Almanac*. *Every Seed of the Pomegranate*, a multi-voiced manuscript responding to what's occurring in Iraq, has just been published by Tebot Bach. He teaches at Cabrillo College, where he edits the *Porter Gulch Review*, and lives in Santa Cruz with his love, the historian Cherie Barkey, and their two children, Jules and Amina Barivan.