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Heart Of Manhattan

Tiny yellow taxis,
more than I can count,
corpuscles in the
lifeblood of the city,
almost glow against
gray asphalt arteries
as they surge forward
in wave after wave
with each green light,
the valve in the beating heart
of every intersection.

Hearts are everywhere,
like in the taxi driver
who returned
our granddaughter's
treasured red beret,
when he refused to drive
the same route for hire
only minutes before.

Hearts are everywhere,
like the workman
in the subway,
who walked with us
a hundred feet out of his way,
gently helping a grandpa
with his granddaughter,
baffled by a system
everyone else seemed to know.

We gave our granddaughter
a coming-of-age trip to Manhattan
and found heart.

Robert B. Buchanan's poetry collection, *Beyond The Wall*, was published by Cardinal House Publishing and listed as a "Best Poetry Book" for May 2014 by Grace Cavalieri in the "Washington Independent." Buchanan's work has appeared in numerous literary journals including *Broad River Review*, *Diverse Voices Quarterly*, *The Healing Muse* and *Juked*. He is active in the Scottsdale, AZ poetry community. Buchanan's next book is scheduled for publication in 2015.