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Horoscope for an Ex-Husband

When the moon eclipses the sun
and the beginning of endings begins,
you will find you cannot rely on a soft voice.

Your sign has entered the Twelfth House,
the house of self-undoing, the house
you have been constructing all these years.

Today you will begin an understanding,
one you will not choose to remember,
like eye surgery in the middle of the night.

Blood will have its own mouth.
Your planet is in retrograde.
Make no plans for the future.

Ruth Bavetta's poems have been published in *Rattle*, *Nimrod*, *North American Review*, *Slant*, *Tar River Poetry*, *Spillway*, and many others. She has had four books published and is included in several anthologies. She likes the light on November afternoons, the music of Stravinsky and the smell of the ocean. She hates pretense, fundamentalism and sauerkraut.