Travels

Rain on the child’s cheek, continued baptism, as he passes through scratchy fields and tumbled hills. Here he is enjoying his new yellow umbrella and he strips naked and paddles the gutters to the ocean’s mouth. Before he knows it, he is swept to the island of strangers who lead him to a table of fruit and fish. When he looks at his feet, he sees he is no longer a boy. Open drawers hold new longings and new appetites. A woman standing nearby holds three choices: finish the chapter, start a new story, sit down at the table and eat.

-- Janell Moon, Emeryville Poet Laureate 2010-2012

The City of Emeryville celebrates National Poetry Month during the month of April 2011. Join Janell Moon, Emeryville’s first Poet Laureate for a poetry reading on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the City of Emeryville City Council Chambers, 1333 Park Avenue, Emeryville, California. For more information: isullivan@emeryville.org, (510) 596-4393.