

2016

## Remembering Mom

Joan Baranow

*Dominican University of California*

Follow this and additional works at: <http://scholar.dominican.edu/tuxedolit>



Part of the [Art and Design Commons](#), [Creative Writing Commons](#), and the [English Language and Literature Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Baranow, Joan (2016) "Remembering Mom," *The Tuxedo Archives*: Vol. 2008 , Article 2.

Available at: <http://scholar.dominican.edu/tuxedolit/vol2008/iss2/2>

This Poetry is brought to you for free and open access by the Literature and Languages at Dominican Scholar. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Tuxedo Archives by an authorized editor of Dominican Scholar. For more information, please contact [michael.pujals@dominican.edu](mailto:michael.pujals@dominican.edu).

# Remembering Mom

by Joan Baranow

Rain. Real rain  
so that I ran out to close  
the car windows.

At first the ground  
sipped it with a strange  
sound, like rubber-soled shoes  
skidding on a gym floor.

I had been asleep, almost,  
not believing it could rain here  
in July  
though the sky

had been filling itself all day  
like a child carefully coloring  
a paper sky with gray clouds,

which is how I now imagine it—

a child gripping a crayon  
intent on his work  
and then tearing it up.

And then, my mind  
goes again to you  
in the ground, getting wet.