

***On Valencia Robin Paintings***  
**by Helen Kanevsky**

Looking out her window  
day in and day out,  
quenching the old thirst  
to capture simple life beauty,  
nipping at the heels of Vermeer  
to glean information  
like a farmer gathers ears  
from the dismal field  
at the mercy of the fall wind,  
not seeing me and my dog  
silently sneaking into the picture  
plodding next to Rivanna  
on the Sod Farm lea,  
living a happy life,  
leaving earthquake,  
war, and drought  
behind the canvas,  
painting this world  
as she wants it to be.