

## **Lifeline**

### **Diana Raab**

She sits on the California beach edge  
as words pour from her pursed lips:  
musings of lost lovers,  
decisions gone wrong,  
and decisions gone right.

She wonders about  
her life's next chapter,  
who will care for her,  
who will lay down the picnic blanket  
that she needs for respite.

Nostalgia grasps her monkey mind  
when she suddenly touches  
lifelines from lost lovers and people  
who also sit on distant beaches  
gasping to be noticed

and wanting to be saved  
as they watch the world dissipate  
before their eyes,  
as sunken ships emerge  
from lost generations,  
and she's still unable to hold on to one thought  
as waves crash and dissipate into the shore.