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## BIO:

Mark Falcone was born and raised in South Philadelphia just a few city blocks from the Italian market. After graduating from high school, he obtained a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Norbert's College, an M.A. in education from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, and a doctorate in Music Composition from Combs College of Music, Philadelphia. He became an educator at the secondary school and college level. Residencies took him to Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Wisconsin. *Fiery-Mouthed Dragon* (Dorrance & Co., 1975), was his first publication; since then his work has been included in numerous anthologies and other publications. His time is spent between working with and caring for his companion parrot Guido, composing music, and membership in the American Guild of Organists, the Wisconsin Cage Bird Club, and WFOP.

## PUBLICATIONS:

*Angled Views: A Collection of Poetry by Members of the Penn. Poetry Society*, 1990  
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## Poetry

### Hurricane

Maddening sea  
roughening wind  
combined to show  
nature's paranoid mind,  
killing  
uprooting  
destroying.

Are you  
the same gentle breeze  
who,  
yesterday  
cooled my sweated brow  
and softly dried  
damp summer clothes?  
Who gracefully whispered  
into my ear?

### Black Tuesday: 9/11/2001

Beautiful bright blue sky  
reflecting ecstasy.

Silence never heard  
earth ceased breathing.

Voices screaming in a whisper  
fear rending the soul.

Arizona still bleeding  
twins defeated,

Voices agonizing  
cease breathing..

Victors?  
Victims?

In fear  
we  
mourn.

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