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Muir Beach, 2010
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It was five o'clock, and the clock in the old stone tower rang five times. The narrow streets were already in shadow, but light still played over the rafters and the red tile roofs. We could smell the sea on the warm air that billowed the sheets drying on the balconies. A cloud of gnats rose and fell on the breeze, and swallows appeared from their nests hidden under the cornice of the buildings. They spun and darted overhead, harvesting the sky.

Gary Young's books include *Hands*, *The Dream of A Moral Life*, *Days*, *Braver Deeds* and *Pleasure*. His book *No Other Life* won the William Carlos Williams Award, and in 2009 he received the Shelley Memorial Award from the Poetry Society of America. His latest book, *Even So: New and Selected Poems*, has just been released from White Pine Press. He was Santa Cruz County's first poet laureate, and he is Santa Cruz County's 2012 artist of the year. He teaches poetry and directs the Cowell Press at UC Santa Cruz.