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PETRA

Tony Armendariz
(watercolor on paper, 23x20)

Petra is my wife's great-niece. She's 3 years old in this painting. Petra, named after her great-grandmother, is a very lively and vocal child, which makes this image of her in a pensive quiet moment striking to those who know her. It will be interesting to find out, in the future, if this reflection resonates with Petra herself.