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pollical

prettily, tied-up
with lusciously tantalizing
ribbons and paper and intentions
quivering arms outstretched
he presented a fancy

offering, a dismayed bracelet
executed from the finest jade
colder, smoother, greener
than any envy possible

alas it is too small and delicate
for any human
wrist, resting upon the table
hands cushioning disappointment

to navigate tears 'tis simple
i said
it merely requires an act of illusion,
some manipulation of appendages
and altruistic appeasement
of gods

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and with simple sacrifices
i dislocated me
my thumb
that singular expression of evolution
contorted and twisted
until it fit

there now, he patted,
he smiled
that wasn't so hard