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Hieroglyphics

stretching out my hands to the sun
for warmth and for light

I read the ancient hieroglyphics
written on the thin parchment
of my skin

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First Impressions

bad stuff is concealed
in the good neighborhoods

bad stuff is all you see
in the bad neighborhoods

in all things beware of
first impressions

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Clean Sheets

a pleasure of
puritanical decadence
to lay between
clean sheets
of four hundred thread count
Egyptian cotton
ironed stiff and crisp