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**velcro**

sometimes when I sleep  
I consider the possibilities of  
detachable arms  
sleep's necessity doesn't justify  
nocturnal cramps

if this is the best of  
all possible worlds, Leibniz  
why are we designed to toss,  
infinite?

the restlessness of lovers,  
shuffling crudely, elbows  
meant to lay still, contact  
with the most delicate places  
rueful apologies disregard notions  
of our descendance from a 'perfect mold'  
Plato must have slept on his back.

if we were to be punched out  
like so much dough from a  
cookie cutter  
I should like to be the impish facsimile  
with but one arm  
and a wry smile

—Danielle Burhop '01