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## Ars Poetica

And, finally, I present  
my gift to you

a weak statue, at best,  
much more tactile than beautiful.  
Take the yielding clay and mold  
it to your own experience.  
I'll rest in the shadows,  
behind this anonymity, safe  
until you've contorted my energy  
and, under the weight  
of its scrutinizing look,

I crawl away, trying to remember  
the creature that it was.

*Amy Judge*