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**BAMBOO**

Hold us fast in your hands:  
with our connections  
to the underground,  
the square root of water,  
we'll pull you to the next life.  
Fish tub. Eel trap.  
Someone hid silkworm eggs  
in our belly:  
they slept all the way from China  
to Constantinople.  
Only siblings left behind  
to comfort Asia.  
Ladle, chopstick, flute.  
Versatile, yes,  
but we know  
when to hold back.  
We'll give you flowers—  
just wait:  
a hundred years or so.  
Sweeping the continent  
like a hungry lover.  
Then we linger, slow,  
drink our dusk,  
while children stretch  
their necks  
towards the moon.