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## THE FIST

Age huts in the bones, and we are  
Everywhere, each,  
A peninsula, whelked with  
Cellular clocks, held

By a tribe of opaque squatters  
Knotting time on the bloodrope, their canoes,  
Splinters of the first  
Birch shinnied  
As a child, beached at the brainsand's edge,  
So many  
That some, in search of docking,  
Moor to our palms, acquire  
The look of fingers

And from the deathbed  
We will be glad for them, glad for  
So little as the fist  
They allow us to make, by whose  
Hardness our going  
May have a small, a simple  
Lantern.