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Old Love

– Lee Zorn

The veins are blue in thin-skinned hands
With fingers gnarled and not so strong
With skin too loose to fit the arm
And bones once true, seem strangely wrong.

The knees walk stiff, complainingly
No swift turns now of neck or head
And dark hair frosted well with white
With faded cheek no longer red.

The fires of passion banked and pale
But, nurtured long in patient ways
Lie ready to respond at hand
And wait to warm our ancient days.