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– Catherine Conway

My ragged raw

fingernails of truth

pick away at delusional threads

which hold your integrity intact.

We each have our own mismatched memories

which we desperately retrieve to quickly patch over the

moth-eaten holes

in the frayed fabric of our aging father/daughter relationship.

In a heated argument in which we were both wrong

I strip you naked against your will.

All the layers of my apologies cannot cloak your shame.