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— Sue Ekins

I loved her once,  
but she filled her hands with dirt  
and dumped it on my daughter's dreams  
she smeared it with her toe  
making figure eights for fun  
and then she ran away  
with her new best friend.

"Goodbye!" my daughter cried,  
and they stopped  
for a guilty moment  
frozen,  
then walked away.