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white gloves

— Gerald O. Ryan

Damp and still,
Folded and formed
To brass, curled handles.

Spotted with salt stains
smeared from moist eyes.
Smudged with print from pamphlet prayers
read somberly and slow.
Dusted with pollen from freshly cut flowers
spread on copper casket.
Imbedded with spiced incense
buried in cloth recall.

Fingers crimped,
Crumpled and tossed
Atop the lonely metal.

Used no more.
Their job is done.
So natural in repose.