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Christine Weiler

My hands are wide at the bottom
And narrow at the top.
“Musically inclined” is what my palmistry book says.
But small, chubby hands
That barely span the octave
And short, stubby fingers
Not willing to move through Mozart’s trills
Make me wonder.
After thirteen years, the left hand (traitor)
Still refuses to play viola with vibrato
Or shift to third position with any grace
And the fingers will not reach
Across the guitar’s five strings.
My mother must have known.
She taught me to sing.