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Ana (a work in progress)

I'm not beautiful today,
But someday I will be.
I am a work in progress—
An unfinished statue
With excess marble hiding the finished form,
Flaws still left to be polished out

I fight the ugliness away
I push it out of my body like vomit
I pick it out of my hair
I hide it away
I run from it
I scrub it from my skin
I leave it under a napkin on my plate.

I am tired
From working so hard
To change my weak nature
Into beauty and restraint.
In that day,
When the statue is finished,
I will finally be loved
The way my bones
Love my skin.

I smile at my empty stomach.
The bones mark my progress.
I'm almost finished.
Soon there will be
So little ugliness left
That you won't
Be able to see me
At all.