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Dad's ugly Filipino carving  
rocks when you walk too fast  
by the piano.  
I suppose remembering old voodoo dances.

Scarred from moves and tumbles,  
it still demands respect  
as the non-speaking member  
of our family.

Uncle Dale respected it once  
until his fingers noticed the nipple  
and his mouth fell  
at wooden pornography.

My friends called it quaint  
and I asked Mom after they left  
but she said it was art  
and art can be naked.