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Viewed from behind
Hands lay lightly on her lap
Demurely clasped
The look of a lady
His hand reached hers
Embracing the two
With a gentle caress
Acceptance noted
By the slightest touch
A fingertip embrace
A smile is perceived
From unseen face and face
A slight upturning of lips
Inferred
By quiet facial movement
A rapid glimpse exchanged
Almost imperceptible
A light tightening touch
Shares his response
Youthful play of hands and heart
From hands that have played
For decades



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