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## Offering

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# Slight of Hand

Beth Turner Ayers

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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