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Marbles of the Mind

Beth Ayers

A lovely opaque marble
slipped through a frayed opening,
clinked on the hard wood floor
before I scooped it up,
placed it back where it belongs.
I try to prevent the unraveling
that allows leaks to form.
Hours are spent exercising,
trying to beat my highest score
at this word game and that.
Brain games.

Challenges that result in a
mind capable of great thought and
supposition, so I now suppose that
my hourly attention to brain waves
has distracted me from other exertion,
the kind that strengthens the body,
and I wonder what will become of me
when I can no longer bend
to retrieve my lost marbles.

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