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Beneath a cliff of hush,  
in the chalk-furred light,  
two hands are dancing to their voice.

They court each other: bow  
and sink, spread-fingered –  
a relentless soft expression

from which they suddenly  
draw out a widthless  
thread, between thumb and forefinger,

long as the arm's orbit.  
Nothing is abstract  
to the mind, that charges its flesh

to become a meaning.  
Through the dark, theorems  
rise in tiers from those shaped hands

whose slow capoeira  
is sculpting the capacitance  
of the tensioned air.