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Punctuation

Your hands
dipped an oar
in the lake,
a clear opening line.

Your arms
cradled the boat,
enfolding us,
parentheses.

Your wrists
dangled,
drew lazy
question marks.

Do your hands remember mine?
do they reach out
over space and time
for that which has no grammar?

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