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## From Afar

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## Worker's Disability Compensation Act Sec. 7

by K. W. Striking

"The loss of the first phalange of the thumb, or of any finger, shall be considered to be equal to the loss of ½ of such thumb or finger, and compensation shall be ½ of the amounts below specified . . ."

Machines drink blood,  
ask the oily shop man  
severed from his hand;  
an Adam severed from Eden,  
paid off in alien earth.  
Just compensation  
though not just a hand—

a member of a family  
that placidly lay  
over Mona Lisa's lap,  
blood of the divine phalanges  
reaching for creation across  
the Sistine's cracks of time.

Machines drink blood,  
ask the oily shop man  
severed from his hand,  
who suffers an ironic salute  
to Deus ex Machina.

### Icarus

by Michael Vargo

It's easy to  
see  
that I use  
you  
and you use  
me

It aint love, but  
it aint bad.



Untitled linoleum cut, by Valerie Jenkins

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Shattered glance

fantasy tasted on the sly,  
brush of blond as you slide by

Nothing chanced.