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## Optimism

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That Is To Say,

The core of my papier-maché being  
Is not so delicate as your blown-glass head.  
The backing for my glued-on outer shell  
Is not so fragile as your light-bulb brain.  
The center of my pasted pieces  
Is strong as steel  
Is hard as nails  
Is unbreakable as iron  
The axis of my colorful coating  
is made of many faces, many towns, many beatings  
(i.e. The core of my papier-maché soul  
is not so delicate as your blown-glass head)

/ Dee Glass /

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The miniature bulldozer grabs a shovel  
and fills his bucket with beach sand and pebbles,  
endlessly dumping and filling again,  
never realizing the improbability of  
a five-year old moving the ocean.

/Lois Williams/