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She brushes her hair
Starting from the bottom
Working her way up
Slowly, carefully, gently
Until it shines, the red glowing in the brown

Jennifer Conto

THE RELUCTANT SLAVE OF POETRY

Folded into myself
I am a blank sheet,
A virgin of words.
I wrinkle ivory thoughts,
Scribble milky ideas,
Erase pale purity,
But your creamy voice
Still whispers
Paper lullabies.

Maureen Katherine Clancy