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## Harp

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Blood stained carpets and callused fingers, are  
Memories of what used to be.  
She has loved this monstrous instrument for too long  
Won't give it up  
Determined to get it right this time  
Her arthritic fingers pluck violently as if there were no  
    pain  
Entranced in her every movement  
The old woman sits  
Almost hypnotized  
Remembering the past, perhaps  
Her eyes glazed, well up with tears  
Grandchildren gather at her feet,  
To listen to her passionate words.

*Erin Vranich*