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by

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The Sorceress found it  
In the back of a drawer  
Among the discarded and forgotten,  
Her burgundy wand.

It felt light in her hand,  
She wondered if the wand still worked.  
She wondered if her hand still worked,  
It was spotted and bony and shook at times,

Used to be her fingers were long and supple  
And her hand was strong and sure  
Her wand would jump to her will  
And together they could stop the Moon

Or save a child, or throw down a devil  
But the wielding was hard, so hard  
And people never understood  
They only saw the miracle, not the sweat.



Gripping it tighter she could feel  
The magic still pulsing within the wand  
But change was a mirage, she thought.  
Life always returned to its old familiar pain.

Sadly, the old sorceress put the wand back  
Among the detritus of her life  
And with as much dignity she could muster  
Returned to the living room.

Where her recliner, her bowl of Cheetos,  
Her afghan and Oprah awaited her.