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"It's time."

*It's time.
Take away the scaffolding
the drop cloths
the supports.
Family, friends
school, work, play –
added and subtracted
like so many facets
of a gem
cut.
Molded, shaped
shaken
patched oh so many times.
Pieces added
which did not fit
and were discarded.
Pressure from inside
cracking away the outside
until there is
me.*

CLAUDIA WILSON

Islands

*The island of the present day
Drifts amid a sea of time,
While other isles of other days
Float out of sight and out of mind.*

*The isle that sailed here yesterday
Sinks until the voices drown,
While other isles from older days
Fall faster still and further down.*

*The lesson of a thousand years
Dies before its voice is heard,
As older minds and older mouths
Grow up to fade without a word.*

*My heart is bleeding acid tears;
Rain upon a drowning man,
As younger isles and younger minds
Turn blind away my outstretched hand.*

RICHARD BARRINGTON