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TWO FIGURES

BY KARA DREBITKO

Two figures, curled,
beside my books
that treat of gods and men;
two fingers, crisp
with parching ink,
carved 'round this quiv'ring pen –
wound up and bound with jealousy –,
two fingers, out of ten.

As lamplight wanes,
my scornful looks
those figures won't offend;
their sleepy heads
see not, nor think
how they my soul upend –
wound up and bound with jealousy –,
two heads, and naught for friend.