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The harp  
is the ultimate perfect metaphor for life  
says the harpist  
his cheeks rosy with devotion  
the music shining out of his face.

I've spent a lifetime  
discovering the parallels  
says the harpist  
all the while picking and plucking  
at slim strings strung.

and in the times when I was so angry  
I forgot who I was  
or so sad  
to the same effect  
I had a geometry to return to  
says the harpist  
his elbow obtuse for a distant deep note  
then collapsing acute  
for a tiny trill.

it is a great comfort to me  
that the world will sit in my lap  
when I let it  
says the harpist  
as he lets the familiar scales  
of love and transformation  
and youth for the old  
ring and ripple out.