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Believer of the second chance
You, who give your fragile heart to clumsy hands
and trust that they will not drop it, at best
or at worst, that they will not hurl it towards the floor
You gave five, six, seven more
pieced yourself back together each time
and handed it to them again.

Believer of the second chance
You pour from an empty cup clasped in weary hands
giving all to others but keeping none for yourself
you practice your smiles and you give your advice
but you no longer give your heart
and who could blame you, really
this terrible, calloused thing could not love again.
Believer of the second chance
You tore yourself apart with furious hands
set yourself ablaze with fire stoked by years of betrayal
burned your bad memories to the ground
along with the news that those who had wronged you
could move on as if nothing happened
then left you to clean up the pieces yet again.