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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.