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## THUNDERMOUTH

*a hand puppet*

My hand fits inside the open gray house  
of his body.

My thumb and fingers poke bashfully  
through the rag hollow.

That is my pointer in the tunnel that leads  
to the lopsided mass of his plaster head,

his face, the pencil and water marks  
rubbed at the corner,

unrepaired cowlick, clouded  
and wandering blue-white of his eyes—

Here is the shapeless messenger  
at the immense door

I will open quietly.