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## Awakening

Life sits in our hands,  
an object we have forgotten the use of -  
a quill pen, a nutmeg grater -  
or a toy played with once,

a wooden fire-engine  
whose people, coloured differently,  
all with the same face,  
fit peg-like in their round slots.

What did I see in that? we ask,  
what is it for? turning it over,  
wishing we could ignore  
the feel of its reality,

could remember why ink  
or nutmeg or the wooden people  
should matter to us so much.  
Then we give up

and for an instant fall back  
into the space we always knew  
and always forget we know.

*Elaine Taylor*