

The Loving Stone

an arctic artist
toiling by dim lantern light,
sculpting human form:

—a child's treasured toy,
holding mother in his hand,
discovering self

—mom's wailing caress,
"I'll never be without you,"
bathing him with tears

—heartbroken lover,
stroking her lamented folds,
reliving their bliss

it's meaning's untold
'til your own story tells it,
listening through your eyes



An Inuit amauti figurine carved of serpentine stone (1969), personal collection

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