

## ***Broken***

Plucked from nestled home,  
bruised:  
spilling rainbow red,  
purple, blue, black;  
torn, mutilated, split;  
removed and imprisoned in own being:  
shell--  
    echo, the waves  
growing faintly thin across the void.

Raw edges  
    replace familiar smooth textures;  
    flesh fibers unrecognizable,  
stretched taut,  
                    incapable to hang on,  
cling to survival...  
    slipping into a sea,  
    drowning in suffocation  
built as a cage around fragile remnants.

Only intact stays paralysis escape as  
                    jagged heart  
                                    weeps.

Stitches--  
    needle precision, ruby dipped;  
    thread from fibers of most unbreakable bond--  
cannot close the gaping wound.  
    only graces bestowing themselves  
    on the undeserving  
    offer any hope:  
    breathless fountain makes healing possible but  
    from within must come,  
where distance has become eternity.