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**The Art of Repair**

Mint white, never used, never torn  
Sheathed in plastic, unloved and unworn  
Smiling patiently on the shelf  
Admired yet lonely by itself  
Engulfed in the hum of setback's chatter  
Smashed and jagged pieces matter  
Raked up and coming to  
Acting what you always knew  
Broken can be fixed  
Incomplete can be mixed  
Fledgling dream starting to hold  
A deeper beauty cut with gold