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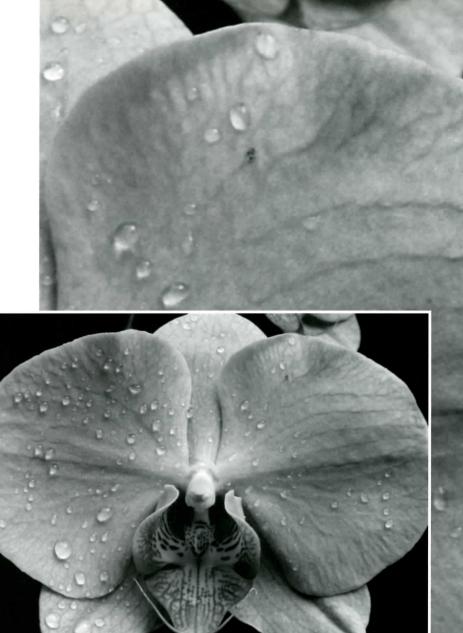
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Beth Turner Ayers

Viewed from behind Hands lay lightly on her lap Demurely clasped The look of a lady His hand reached hers Embracing the two With a gentle caress Acceptance noted By the slightest touch A fingertip embrace A smile is perceived From unseen face and face A slight upturning of lips Inferred By quiet facial movement A rapid glimpse exchanged Almost imperceptible A light tightening touch Shares his response Youthful play of hands and heart From hands that have played For decades





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