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Original Sin

by Allison M. Smith

Glittering,
I adorn the ankles of all.
A jeweled snake
Dali's eyes painted
My festering extravagance
Infectious golden
 Poison emerald
 Life-blood ruby.
My responsibility constricts
The base, the feet, mankind
Who wear shoes to hide my malforming results,
But my true nature melts their façade.
I chain the legs of man:
None can be released,
Unwilling to relinquish
Such an attractive adornment as I.
Slaves

