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Strategy

Tiny turntable,
Poker chips pop in their holes
For a gunpowder bet.
Bullets our out:
Blitzkrieg on the epidermis.

Just Enough Color Around the Edges

Just enough color around the edges
to look alive.

Dropping dollars
to the signature stamped on charity.

Filling a needle
with enough blood and love and semen
to paint the ultrasound.

Relocating the tulip
to the vase by her bed.

White hands, white bread,
white teeth:

Hollow of purity
or vacancy.