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The embryo of desire  
is a polished, luminous pearl  
lodged deep within the folds of our  
oyster-mind clamped shut.

Open the shell and let go the  
priceless node into moments which  
shall never pass again—the tide  
of our life.

And if never again we  
berth the pearl  
at least we found it,  
and rolled it over our tongue.

by Melissa Patterson