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**Archipelago**  
by Susan Rich

Perhaps, I am ready to wave good-bye  
to one man

ready to wrestle the thin membrane  
of what is mine

from between his thumb and forefinger  
before he can cast

further out than any could sing  
to lure me back.

What makes love arc  
why ask tonight

for new dysfunctions  
of the heart?