

## Chestnut Seed Chilly

To reach fingers down  
deep into brown paper bags  
of nutty gems  
with glossy marble-swirled coats  
rolling past your fingers  
over the full of your hands  
to your wrists and forearms

Your fingers grasp and squeeze  
with all their might  
while the wood-like marbles release  
their chill into your hands

That you don't wish to let go,  
and squeeze again.

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