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## Stone Child

Shrouded in a veil of hardness  
Ever ready for verbal defense  
Against the cruel world  
That has already  
Assaulted  
Broken  
Demolished  
The once soft self she possessed  
And now cannot be found  
Gone forever  
Once precious diamond child  
Pummeled, pounded, pressured  
Into a new stone  
Brittle hard and angry  
Created by the curses  
Spat by mother  
And father  
By those who should have nourished  
But became murderers of spirit instead  
Leaving only a hard shell  
Occupied by eyes with steel resolve