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i picked my mother's favorite...
red, of course,
what other color
would she have EVER picked...
blood red nail polish
blood red lips,
and drew my heart.....
amazed
that it appeared
unbroken on the page.

perhaps this simple
child's game
Rock Scissors Paper
holds the key
a means of obtaining
all things magical
all things true
i used my scissors
to cut and fold
my origami gift to you.

instead
i found it's two-sided
blank face staring out at me
perhaps mirroring your thoughts.
create here. draw here.
use purple
go ahead don't be afraid
color outside the lines
no one will know.
shhhhhhhhhhhh!
it's our secret
and we will never tell.

i have been staring
at this rolled up piece of paper
tied with yellow ribbon
marveling at its resemblance
to a kindergartener's diploma
convinced that when i open it
i will attain enlightenment

or maybe directions:
"how to write
a successful
sonnet collection"
in 16 easy steps.
life changing revelations
uncurling in my palms.

or at least
discover a good recipe
for rice pudding.
or learn the ten steps required
to begin the art of saying YES
and Yes again.....