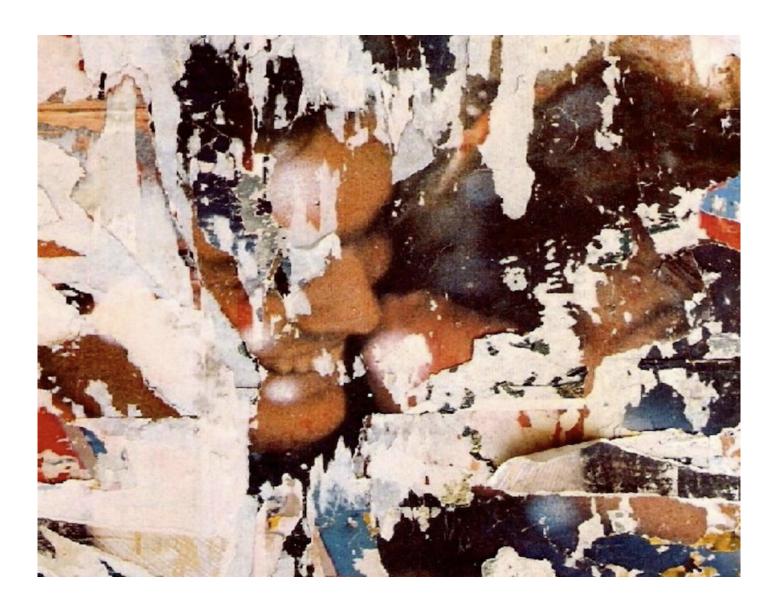
# Hand in Hand [1]

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## **Two Poems by Carol Dorf**



### **Hand in Hand**

With both hands, say *concentration*, as in beating egg whites, or mending a rip,

or assembling a new sofa that you hope will lead to family togetherness, all heaped

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there reading your books, or be real, watching the same show. Pleasure

focuses on the instant and doesn't worry

about what has come before. Pleasure does not read the paper or anyone's tweets.

With both hands, hold someone, which could include the cat, explain dark matter in a gesture.



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#### If Not Now?

Do you want to see me in that alternate version of our lives? I would like you to know I'm an expert in determining one fabric in relation to another. Don't be sorry to call— I accept communications and feel little compunction to refrain from hanging up. No one would know looking at me now but I could pogo for most of a party and then shout slogans at the demo the next morning. You sing about bombs, disruption. Let me ask you, What comes next?

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