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Hand in Hand

She needs shelter from A lonely world we live in-gone mad She needs a roof Over her head—in front of her face Unlocked like a box-removable She needs a hand to slip Inside hers Hand in hand—locked—bound Together for life A pitiful world we live in-disgraced Eternally touched by His finger-Hands-words She needs a removable face Unlocked-with buried Treasures beneath layers Of happiness-bitterness-sadness She needs a silver watch Melted down-at The golden hour, minute, Second-perfect time kept In her pocket Melted-stuck-bound Like a hand In a hand Taut for life Like a soul mate

A friend—lover—sister—brother She needs a photograph With still moments-encased In a silver box Melted down For the perfect hour, minute, Second-in her pocket In a box With hand in hand Bound as friends-couples Maybe lovers Star-crossed or gay Blessed like a newborn Just the same-though disgraced Looked down upon He reached out As a whole-just the same Touching with His finger-Hands-words She needs a life to live Not guided-but led By her own heart—singular Maybe in a photograph Melted moments of happiness In locked silver boxes Bound together for life Hand in hand