

## A POOL OF COLORFUL KOI

circling the same pond over  
and over again

and I am the one wondering  
why we are here

tinkering with golden and silver pieces  
like magpies  
searching for something  
to adorn their nest.

I pack my children tight  
into their matchboxes  
at bedtime  
surrounded by soft cotton  
so they don't break

bluebird and sailboat  
my son and daughter

when their arms wrap around my neck  
it is still astonishing