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hands unfinished. undone.
filled with dream and promise
callused raising high the roof beams
chalk dust soiled hands
skilled and caring hands
busy every city, field, highway, sea
every hours labor

strong and delicate and careful
hands with the World in them
tied hands hierarchy's hands
bewildered folded in prayer hands
empty hurting jobless hands
wet with tears no one wants to know
hands

storytelling earthborn medieval modern
a baby's tiny hands
aged tired hands
blessed be the vegetables
the fruit and nut trees, the fishes, pigs,
chickens, cows and lambs

open, out-stretched, reaching
holding onto One Another's hands
forgiving, healing, cradling
hands that can take you places
only Love can go
hands the children calling