

BASKET PHILOSOPHY

to carry
somewhere
to someone
for a good
reason

to keep
something
meant
to be
kept
apart
safely kept
for someone

out of
something
grown
but cut
twisted
or shaved
so dead, yet

reborn,
no,
trans-
formed
in the hands
of someone
usually a woman

shared
space
carved
out of air
by one
over
the other
under

a construction
in which
you
can have
a stake
actually
you'd better
have many

a way of life
where
upsetting
is inevitable

where
the ends
need
to be
concealed
and the means
laid
bare.

stakes
high
stakes low
every basket
a gamble

along
a spoke
out of sight
(but not of mind)
tapered
to be
hidden

not
the only
part of life
where
in and out
out and in
can
tire
some.

where
loose ends
are part
of the plan

and
entwinement
flirts
with
interpenetration

the lesson
of a basket
Billie Ruth's --
an elbow
can make
a heart.