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## The Ways I Could Be Held

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**The Ways I Could Be Held**  
**by Jack Cape**

Sometimes —

(Forgive me)

I think of all the ways I could be held.

If I were to be baptized in the blue-green waters of the Aegean tomorrow,  
Surely there would be hands placed beneath me —

So I could float.

The musky embrace of a new lover.  
The gentle moment when he lays his head upon my chest.

It all seems so fantastical now.

A faraway castle  
In a distant land.