

## **House Plant**

Carefully tucked into a corner;  
waxed, stiff leaves;  
abandoned cosmetic.  
All about you  
life passes quickly  
as you grow; gently flower.  
The sun towers, then crumbles  
as we fumble for time—  
time tucked here,  
tucked there,  
and never aware  
of the tender advance  
of the seed we'd planted.

—*Michael Pracht*