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Dentata

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► **Dentata** | Erica Hoelper



► **to be come** | Kaitlin Spellman

the present is wrapped in crinkled brown paper,
the kind used when you purchase a gravy boat from the antique shop.

it smells raw
like the fresh pages of a novel from grade school,
those ones you read out loud in class
that took your imagination into realms unseen
the ones that linger like a dream
with just enough tangibility to be unrecognizable in form
but grandiose in nostalgia,
or rather the hint of a greater reality
beyond what is visible.

tied securely with an old piece of leather
and a sprig of dried lavender
a mysterious anticipation blows through your mind
as you hesitate to unwrap this bundle—

the knot is pulled, tensions release
fleeting by measure yet measured complete;
this is now

► **Light Univers** | Savannah Holder

