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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

