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# SLIPPERY HANDS

Slippery hands  
Water and oil cover your palms  
Try as you might to wash the day off  
working hands  
sandpaper hands  
hands thick with need of relief  
weathered leather caresses my cheeks  
Momma's or papa's hand  
same and yet not  
mother is father  
father is mother.  
Sandpaper hands hold mine  
I grip tight