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# Justice for All

Lorna Van Gilst

Double-flanked  
A row of egg crates between  
the hands

that work their way  
through garbage bags  
of castoff clothes—

Maternity  
Babies  
Girls  
Boys  
Ladies  
Men  
Shoes  
Purses, belts, hats—

the rarely worn  
the soiled and stained—  
handkerchief still rumped in the pocket  
the stretched, the faded, the torn  
the neglected—price tags still attached  
the out-of-style

another life perhaps—  
out there beyond  
the collection box?

purples and pinks  
glitters and dots  
Bugle Boy and Guess

Unstuff the bags that hold  
our hoarded guilt.  
Sort and judge and pack.  
Then close the crates  
and hurry home  
to wash off the irony  
of abundance.