Consider the hands that write this letter.

Left palm pressed flat against paper, as we have done before, over my heart, in peace or reverence to the sea, some beautiful thing

I saw once, felt once: snow falling like rice flung from the giants’ wedding, or strangest of strange birds. & consider, then, the right hand, & how it is a fist, within which a sharpened utensil, similar to the way I’ve held a spade, the horse’s reins, loping, the very fists I’ve seen from roads through Limay & Estelí.

For years, I have come to sit this way: one hand open, one hand closed, like a farmer who puts down seeds & gathers up; food will come from that farming.

Or, yes, it is like the way I’ve danced with my left hand opened around a shoulder, my right hand closed inside of another hand. & how I pray,

I pray for this to be my way: sweet work alluded to in the body’s position to its paper:

left hand, right hand like an open eye, an eye closed:

one hand flat against the trapdoor, the other hand knocking, knocking.
