

Puppet Master

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A simple
twitch
A nuanced
twist of the wrist
Professional sleight of the hand
with my faithful wooden chisel
and they are mine

On Rigid
porcelain
wood
plastic
Faces, held by
the palm of my hand
I can be merciful

But only
as I see fit
For you see this here,
this is my life
fruits of never ending labor
le piece de resistance
the whip the spurs my waning
Heart

So yes
I will make them cry,
displaying the benefits of pain
I will make them angry
to challenge their affinity for the mundane
I will make them doubt
and they in turn, lower their fingers

It wasn't the most enjoyable
uncomfortable to say the least
perhaps harrowing for a few
But now you see differently
strings attached to every limb
If done not by me
Would you be the same?