

TOM CHANDLER

OPPOSABLE THUMBS

O Lord, make them work in harmony,
not be so separate in dark pockets.
You have decreed that we shall live larger than the dolphins
though they have bigger brains, decreed
their thumblessness prevent them
from conquest and indulgence, cruelty and texting
and we thank you for not making us all thumbs,
providing, as you have, only two per person,
one on the side of each hand,
along with one pocket to hide them in
on each side of our tightening trousers.