Caramel lizard skin

crisscrossing lines

demarcating scales

a scattering of thin coarse dark hair

that congregates in forests

at the base of each out reaching

digit.

Three thick green underground rivers

peaking through thin skin

giving life.

Ragged short uneven nails

with transparent ridges leading to brown dirt tips

decorated with scars and open wounds that ache.

Gifted by teeth.

Pale muddy pink palms

with white disappearing dots and brown lines

a memory for every crease