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## Perverted Karma

*Tammy Robacker*

My mother passed down  
your 18 carat pinky ring.

An heirloom showpiece.  
Thick-built manly thing

boasting a square-cut garnet  
that crowned dead center.

But I sold the gold  
to an old fogey

at a curio shop.  
He pressed and pushed

his thumb clean through  
the rear end

until the gem broke free.  
Then dropped

your popped cherry  
in my palm for keeps.

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