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each twig

bent into

place, each

coat of paint

each hand

washed blanket

nest building

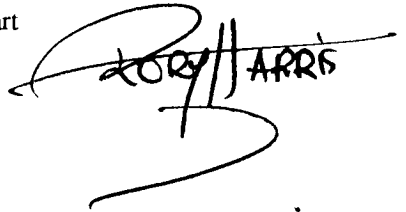
your fears

until the first

breath, five

fingers, five toes

the beating heart

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rory Harris". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

## MAUREEN KOZICKA

but . .

Shutters put up

against hope

slat

the sunlight

with a lattice

of

doubt.