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Type the Drill Twice

I can weld. I can weld very well. I like it.
 We do our work just as well as you do yours.
 How I sit has a lot to do with how I can weld.
 We can give quiet thought to the work that we do.
 If he goes, I must go, too. You can go, too. I am
 next. He is quick.
 I can weld and I do so with nimble fingers.
 Years ago I earned my Red Seal.
 An expert is one who does all her work very well.
 I know I can make my fingers on the stick spark
 the tank.
 If you have zeal for your work, you can do much.
 I must *know* I can do the work: then I weld with
 out fear.
 If I want to learn and work to learn, I shall learn.
 I shall weld. I shall weld. I shall think to weld.

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Appeasement

J'imagine qu'après la tourmente vient enfin le recueillement.
 Les dernières bourrasques jouent encore dans les cheveux.
 Rien à voir, cependant, avec les éléments fous des jours précédents,
 Venus secouer, cette nymphe adorable au museau taquin, au port royal.
 Candide dans sa partielle nudité, le cou tendu et à l'écoute,
 C'est de l'intérieur que vibre cette âme sensible et douce.
 Sa fougue et sa jeunesse retenues pour un instant,
 Laissent transpercer une nature noble et délicate.
 Le voile de pudeur, battant au vent et retenu avec grâce,
 Témoigne de la virginité des pensées et des intentions.
 C'est de son regard intérieur que surgit toute sa grâce.
 Pieuse et radieuse, elle émeut de par sa blancheur innocente.

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