

**Japanese Bowl** by Peter Mayer

I'm like one of those Japanese bowls,  
That were made long ago  
I have some cracks in me,  
They have been filled with gold  
That's what they used back then,  
When they had a bowl to mend  
It did not hide the cracks,  
It made them shine instead  
So now every old scar shows,  
from every time I broke  
And anyone's eyes can see,  
I'm not what I used to be  
But in a collector's mind,  
All of these jagged lines  
Make me more beautiful,  
And worth a higher price  
I'm like one of those Japanese bowls,  
I was made long ago  
I have some cracks you can see,  
See how they shine of gold.

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