

*Horse Netsuke (Japan) 454#*

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tiny magic horse  
milk-ivory grained and headstrong  
gleaming regalia  
transport me on your saddle  
gallop into dreamy nights

MARI WERNER

Little smiling horse,  
smile bestowed by a  
carver centuries past  
to amuse a child perhaps?  
now amuses me



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