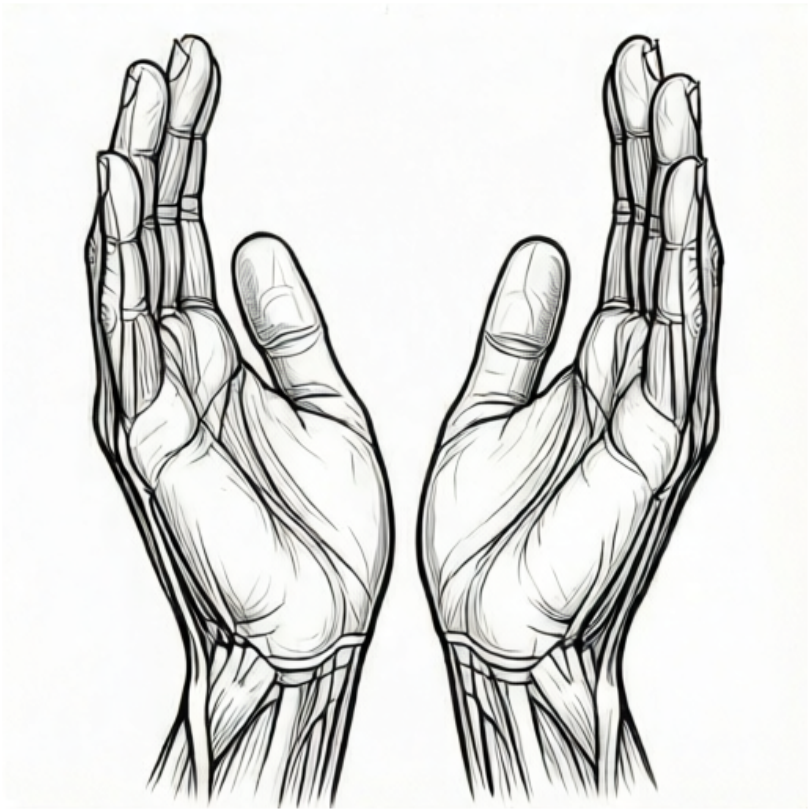
Draw Cupped Hands Without Contour Lines: Volume-First Construction

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Prompt: Construct a cupped hand using a palm bowl 4 x-heights wide and 2 x-heights deep, with four finger tubes each 1 x-height thick. Describe the placement and shading in order.

Answer: Draw a baseline and midline one x-height apart. Sketch a tilted oval bowl 4 x-heights wide and 2 x-heights deep, marking near and far rim arcs without closing the sides. Attach four finger tubes at the far rim, each 1 x-height thick, curving inward; the middle two curve least. Add a shorter thumb tube on the near side, angled across the bowl edge. Shade the bowl interior darkest, keep finger tops light, and add a soft shadow under the fingers and thumb. Check that the bowl interior is visible between fingers and that the rim span matches the bowl width: four tubes at 1 x-height each span 4 x-heights, equal to the 4 x-height bowl. If the span does not match, narrow the tubes or adjust the bowl width.