**Sanctuary**

**Suppose it’s easy to slip  
              into another’s green skin,  
bury yourself in leaves**

**and wait for a breaking,  
              a breaking open, a breaking   
out. I have, before, been**

**tricked into believing   
              I could be both an *I*  
and the world. The great eye**

**of the world is both gaze  
              and gloss. To be swallowed  
by being seen. A dream.**

**To be made whole   
              by being not a witness,   
but witnessed.**

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