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# You Were Born One Time

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## Fire

Because I made this fire,  
the pieces of the tree  
that fell break down  
in incendiary symmetry.  
I stare at red coals  
falling to ash and recall  
the flames that started  
it all, how much they wanted  
once they were allowed to want.  
And even the moon tonight,  
poor beaten rock I love,  
is full and burning  
with its borrowed light.  
Someone has made the fire  
forever, as far as I know.  
She sees a falling star  
that would not be or be seen  
at all but for its burning,  
as I am, to be seen by her.

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