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Leaves

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Leaves, jammed in the heating system, crackle
 Quickly in the draught, fragile as my prayers.
 They will be powder soon. An old fan roars
 At me, eager for warmth, and leaves wriggle
 A cobweb on the grill but can't cajole
 It into opening. I know this is
 A heat that hunts me to the end, that dries,
 Never comforts the leaves and me at all.

Time was, I could mount any particle
 And ride it to the centre. That was when
 I was not lost in these ducts. Natural
 Air buoyed the green leaves and the words were mine
 Yet were not. See now, my prayers, wafer frail
 My desire heady, heady as the wine.