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situated on sanity and weakened leaves
rational to delight and casual extremes

red-faced junipers and distressed eyes
natural colors aid changing thighs

on furry trees and number of legs
you step in line with tiny pegs

silk behind and wings ahead
a rounded cloth now makes you bed

impressive sun setting deep behind
clouds of rain waiting to be mined

wet rainbows fall in a wavy motion
curled and saddled near the distant ocean

secrets revealed and nature distilled
your champion of simpleness now refilled

where death falls short and is given away
you change your shape and fly away

—Casey McArdle