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Savage Heart

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i want you to know
that i see through
the crowded room
you keep so silent and neat
with your cards and drums
and comic book teases.
all eyes aglitter
and focused on you
while magic and medicine
fly through the air
as thick as the lies
spread while you claim
to bear your soul to me
in earnest, in truth.
“behold the wisdom”
is such a shame
to be used
not in service,
but instead in the vain
alleys of a mind
whose choice is to prowl
with the bear,
the medicine,
and the blessing of the owl.