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Superfluous Dichotomies

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Either a user or a used be
Either a mentor or a protégé be
Either a parent or a child be
Either a leader or a follower be
Either a victor or a victim beThese dichotomies are superfluous,
As they straitjacket the vast expanse
Of polarity for those who
Imperviously shrug their shoulders off
Realizing the inseparable oneness
Of the pronounced disparities that often collide
On a continuum.

Chimera

She couldn't recognize her face in the hanging mirror on the wall

That reflected a harrowing tale of longing and loss
Buried unceremoniously in the wrinkly countenance.

The more she peeped in, the more it announced
In an unapologetic tone, all that which she never cared to heed in her heyday.

Her restiveness was not the answer that the looking glass silently demanded

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Rather it was the heartfelt acceptance that it waited her
To cough out full-throttle, the propensity

For which she lacked all these years in her un-womanly existence,
Fighting back the obvious and the tedious ought-to-be
Thrown open from the housetops of those who took
Her unresponsiveness to be a mutiny of sorts
That threatened the rutted paths by declaring a new roadUntraveled thus far.

She upped her vision and broke the chimera.
