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Being Greta Thunberg

to be like Greta Thunberg
you must become yourself
completely as though there
were no prison of skin to stay inside
no ego to say don't try
no doors to close
the kind of bravery that moves
lives is not second hand
it is the ultimate it's like an
we can do it trip
the magic liberation of person
we've been dreaming for
the closeness of fish in water
pure semiosis and pre-verbal closeness

–Linda Chown

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