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How ironic it is
that the rain
falling on the roof
sounds just like
a fire
of small kindling wood
crackling, popping, burning

Is it not strange
that two exact opposites
voice themselves
to an outsider's ear
with such similitude

Are we so close
that minute variations
appear as opposites
Michelangelo's marble is smooth
to the touch
but
under microscope
it is craggy and coarse

Could someone not human
discern the difference between
male and female
east and west
and
right and wrong

To what degree
does an eagle
resemble a bear
to, say, a bulldog
or a rising sun

One needn't look
at methods
one needs only
eyes closed
to hear the rhetoric

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