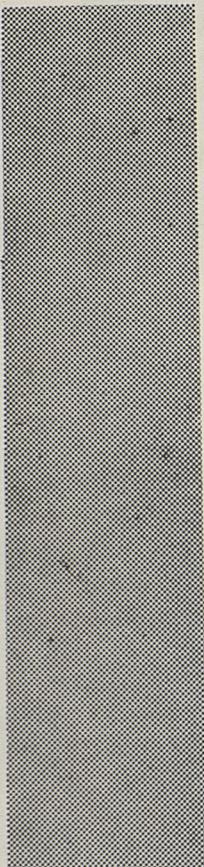


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I traveled there for a cure  
beating through  
the underbrushes  
brash young infidel  
in my prime

The Mongol leaf  
of a florid resiliance  
leaf and sign I wept for winter  
hater leaf and floral fill  
brine was loof  
this meek heart weather

Forth and ferral  
forth and gain  
the wreathed and ferral  
heart and lengthened

Must in laminal  
moist in heat  
the sear that seasoned  
shut the ragged wound

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