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Leslie is a woman is a tigress
is an eagle
is a mystery like me
like Eve like Magdalena
like Joan of Arc.

Leslie is a woman is a dream
is a force
like electricity like
atoms splitting
like breath.

Leslie is a woman is a question
is an answer like me
like time
like snow falling in the dark.

Leslie is a woman is a dragon
is a myth that breathes fire,
plunges into icy waters
and emerges live.

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