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No bigger than a football, an oven mitt,  
You are the dark pupil of a hole in the ground,  
Within whose crescent frame we see  
Yellow, the sharp scrutiny of moons,  
The coal-black heart of wisdom.

You are a comic test, the dun portrait  
Of a glitch by the insensible artist  
(Surrealist by night, ascetic by day),  
Who's giggling, rubber-necked,  
In a pretty ditch, gauging how impossible  
This height of a tree, this soft landing,  
This dust that mimics your downy breast.

No one tells *you* where to make your nest.