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ANDROGENIUS



S/he figured out—sometimes agonizingly—how to escape
the confines of gender, that person did,
flitting meaningfully if sometimes quick among the various
fe/male/whatever personas that
Gender engenders:

but not everyone likes a Houdini,
an *alltooclever* escape artist slipping out of definitional chains
we “men” and “women” were all born with.

“Too hard to define”, dull terrified popeyed citizens called
h/er/im.

Sometimes folks like something they can get a HANDLE on; no funny
stuff.

People like to pin you down,

like a dartboard.

So some kids found h/im/er “pinned down” one day
in a lonely townpart, ripped up and missing quarts of warm human
blood.

S/he lived, but was not the same.

However, the androgynous survivor was able
to teach others, successors and friends, ways to survive, grow,
cope, create,

and the spirit thread of androgenius (or gynogenius) carried
itself on through the young,

the fire of brilliance bought once again, as always again,
at the Promethean price of pain.

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