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Wanting Too Much

by Gerald Zipper

Nobody admits it
but it hurts
like a stabbing cavity in a tooth
most of us want to be someone else
or something else
or somewhere else
we know we're being foolish
but we crave it
many play at sleight of hand
waving wands and conjuring illusions
expecting something to appear out of nothing
many hunger for acclaim
dig about in vacant soil
scratch for shiny bones
demand their places in the sun
refuse to abide ordinariness
ignore the stiff price to be paid
after all it's not a crime
wanting too much is not a punishable offense
or is it?

