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frame 1: you said you liked the sound of my laughter/so i peeled off silver tinkles for your delight

frame 2: you said you admired my mind/so i hand-carved deeper caverns poured in hard-won witticisms and made of my brain a charm

frame 3:

you said i was something else/so i searched out special selves to keep you, enthralled, at home

frame 4:

you said i was pretty/so i wrapped/tucked/& creamed smooth furrowed brows in an effort to tighten up against time

frame 5:

but, what's this now? you've turned to the wall blinded to my tinkles & caverns & tuckers of the self i have created: alien to me unwanted by you a monster that turns to slay itself as you float, wild with laughter from frame

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