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Distant Marie,  
Something made me think of you,  
While I was alone in a desolate field  
Sitting, reminiscent, my heart now healed.

Changed Marie,  
There was a tree at the centre of the field,  
And I sat and watched a branch release the two leaves,  
And if I listen carefully the branch still grieves.

Detached Marie,  
The two leaves were now free to pursue their desires  
As they convulsed in the wind  
And danced among themselves as if they had sinned.

Timid Marie,  
I sat there attentive and yet with a hint of desolation,  
Knowing that winter would soon breathe,  
Forcing the inevitable moment when the two would have to leave.

Austere Marie,  
I went to the bench for as long as I could,  
And one day there was one leaf instead of two,  
For if I found it, it would lead me to you

And I am still trying to find it.

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