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Shelter me in a leaf,
Shelter me in a stone,
I envy them their sure peace.
Shelter me, God,
Protect and conceal me.
Enclose me in your fences.

Pick me up from the dust
That turns me gray.
Embrace me with your eternity
Like a leaf and a stone
Nourished with dew.

Make me a path of permanence,
My heart is shadowed,
Anoint me with your dazzle
Which I feel in my breath.

Wash away my trembling,
Wash away my doubt,
The nights are ephemeral,
The days filled with pain...
Send your help, God...