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No one knew me under the mask of similarity, nor even knew that I had a mask. . . . No one imagined that at my side there was always another, who was in fact I. They always supposed I was identical to myself.

—FERNANDO PESSOA, *The Book of Disquiet*

Look as your looking-glass by chance may fall,  
Divide, and break in many pieces small,  
And yet shows for the selfsame face in all . . .

—MICHAEL DRAYTON, “Verses Made the Night Before He Died”

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