Geodes

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No you can't always tell one from another And it's best not to judge a book by it's tattered cover I have found when I tried or looked deeper inside What appears unadorned might be wondrously formed You can't always tell but sometimes you just know'Round here we throw geodes in our gardens They're as common as the rain or corn silk in July Unpretentious browns and grays the stain of Indiana clay They're what's left of shallow seas, glacial rock and mystery And inside their shines a secret bright as promiseAll these things that we call familiar Are just miracles clothed in the commonplace And youll see it if you try in the next stranger's eyes God walks around in muddy boots, sometimes rags and that's the truth You can't always tell, but sometimes you just knowSome say geodes were made from pockets of tears Trapped away in small places for years upon years Pressed down and transformed, 'til the true self was born And the whole world moved on like the last notes of a song A love letter sent without return address

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