

# Once I Was

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Once I was, I was, I was, there were ribbons in my hair  
There were leaves of streaming gold everywhere  
If a boy said, "Hello", I would hide, trembling so, trembling so  
Now I barely know what the meaning of 'No' is Now I am, I am, I am past an audience I stare  
What is gold is how the lights touch my hair  
All the boys turn to men, all the leaves change again  
Change again, change again  
Still I answer, "Yes" though I know what will happen As these phases come and go  
Music tells me what I need to know

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