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Green you know I want you Green I want you
Green I want you blue no Green
I want your Green to mean
high mass of trees and trick bamboo.
Good I want your gas. Night
I want your nurse.
Now I know the consequence: my half-slip
grass skirt. Thistle
give me a stick, muscle my bungalow
Green I want you black and green—my ration of pistachios.
Boast I want your best. I'm boats.
I want the shore—Green Jack
and Jill attack
and kill
the Emperor of Ecuador.
Jade-Green grenade, my luck's
been laid: most Irish
of all bridesmaids. Green butter
in the batter, Green plate
upon the platter, Green song I'll sing
your serenade.
Green I'll dot your double-cross, your eyes
are upside down. Your nation is a face I've seen
the water wants to rise around.
O Green you know I love you Green
by Green I mean engrave me.
What color is that? The color of wax—
my littlest light Green craving.
But Green I've got your filigree: your wife was my idea
my yellow buffet, *my* Green array—
Green, I want Garcia!
But answer me as anyone—sell me the telephone.
Hire me.
Fire me.
Tomorrow I will it alone.

Green pear I'll do your dare, I'll wear
your chandelier. Green guillotine, sweet
nicotine, my mirror,
hang me here.