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Our reading today is from poet Chelan Harkin.

***“What is a self?”
Asked the tree
That was always
Sharing sustenance to and from
A deep community
Of roots.***

***“What is an individual?”
Asked the log
Happily decomposing
Into nutrients
To sustain the rest.***

***“What is identity?”
Asked the leaves,
Once part of the grand,
Noble oak
Now just as content
To flutter down and feed
The forest floor.***

***“What is separation?”
Asked the ecosystem.
“No part of us even exists
Without each other.”***

***“What is ambition?”
Asked the flower,
“If not opening my all to light
To serve the flourishing
Of the whole?”***

And So It Is (And So It Is) Amen

