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You are so heavy

by Leszek Czuchajowski
(translated from Polish)

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You are so heavy
said the atom of magnesium
to the atom of iron
it's so hard to move you
from your place
between the four
pyrrole rings!
-so, don't move me
I am fine here
-are you really?
so why you were saying
that you are fed up
with the redness
which you give to the blood?
if I take your place
in hemoglobin and you
replace me
in chlorophyll of leaves
could you imagine how much
we would change the world?
the plants becoming red
the blood becoming green!
people walking in red forests
or making love on red grass?
perhaps they would finally
stop killing each other
scared of green blood
poring out of the bodies?
-you are right
said the atom of iron
push me then harder out of here
and replace me
so we will teach people a lesson:
they would stop finally thinking
that only they can achieve everything

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