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Is there a gene

for snarkiness?

Does that mysterious

coil - with its

irrevocable

pattern set

from the get-go,

meticulously

crafted,

a map to follow

but never alter -

define us?

Are deviations possible?

Do we have a choice?

Might we also be

like a thirsty leaf

that responds

to daily watering

and tender care

to nudge our better

selves toward the light,

enabled and emboldened

beyond what lies

in our master plan?

More to the point

are we held

Accountable

or Blameless

for these fixtures

called character traits

assigned to us,

presumably part of us,

that run deep

Cannot be changed,

Will not be changed.

Owned.

And is my character

trait to be Unforgiving?