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Green and Red

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Grass, growing, grown Life at the tips of trees fingers There it hangs, lingers For a short while

Poison ivy, lily pads Street signs, grapes and foreign teas Jolly Giant on cans of peas The nauseous faces of seasick lads

Fuzzy north bark, over time Lovely Goose Bay Northern lights Eyes in pigment glowing bright Envy with a mind of its own

Sweater on the back of Freddy Kruger And shining Christmas lights set ablaze Opposites do attract in many ways Like Red Green and his duct tape

> Deceit, anger, rage and violence Love so deep it cuts a wound Cardinals chirping a melodic tune Emotions; mortal and human

Sudden rush to embarrassed cheeks Cherries, fire trucks, fire and flame The assailant who gave Newton his fame The ginger who loves tomorrow Black

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