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*This leaf from a tree in the East,
Has been given to my garden.
It reveals a certain secret,
Which pleases me and thoughtful people.*

*Is it a living being,
Which has separated in itself?
Or are these two, who chose
To be recognized as one?*

*Answering this kind of question,
Haven't I found the proper meaning,
Don't you feel in my songs,
That I'm one and double?*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe/ West-östlicher Diwan/ 1819