If You Only Walk Long Enough
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I tried to choke a Cheshire Cat
And like a wooden paddle
With a rubber ball
On a rubber string
Going click click click
Played “capture the flag”

I huddled underneath
A green black silvery bush
Afraid of being seen and not loved
While gazing at the moon’s cat face
It was white like the cat’s moon blood

I dreamed in white and black
Awakening to the shrill
Of a mosquito buzzing round my ear
I slapped him hard against my pillow
His blood was red and we were one

Outside my window
Rain soaked sticks were falling
From green black shiny trees
And as they hit the ground
Going click click click
I remembered

A dream in white and black
Where rubber strings snapped
And freed their rubber balls
Who wisely listened to the wisdom
Of a Cheshire Cat
Then rolled their separate ways