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CHALLENGE

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Prowl the edges of my heart
Hurl your chest against the fences
Gnaw upon the wooden armor
Try, just try, to breach my borders.

Upend your staunchest ballast
Unfurl your deftest arms
Chance your fighting irony
Against my inlaid trenches.

How much would you sacrifice?
Which organs would you risk?
Kindle yourself with my spare tinder
Erect a spindly flame for warmth.

If that's the most you can extract
Then prowling eternally at my edges.