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The large, glass jars of tea leaves
each contains untold secrets.
Shelf above shelf above shelf of secrets
rest on the sunlit wall before me
waiting to be steeped and sipped.

In haste, they tell no thing.
But in hopeful waiting,
with grace-filled patience,
in divine solitude and in sacred silence,
they will confess with you
their humble beginnings,
their fragrant lives,
your incalculable worth.

