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- 1 I am tall
 and
 one sided
 like an ostrich
 Pluck
 the eye
 of my feather
 whittle
 the stick
 of
 remembrance
 bare
 of
 ornamentation
 Alone
- 2 I am fat with contentment
 In the arc
 of survival
 we win
 by a hair
 Kick
 the less
 fortunate
 down the plank
 to make space
- 3 I am prime
 and conflicted
 One more or one less
 The spoke in the wheel
 or grease that makes it go
 Increase and multiply
 or divide
 and divorce

4 I am Parmenides' many
 on the edge of ancient counting:
 the stars in the sky
 fattened sheep of pharaoh
 the dappled cows of the gods grazing under the sun
 and all the grains of sand
 on the seashore