WOMAN

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- she wanted to be a blade of grass amid the fields but he wouldn't agree to be a dandelion
- 5 she wanted to be a robin singing through the leavesbut he refused to be her tree

she spun herself into a web

10 and looking for a place to rest
turned to him
but he stood straight
declining to be her corner

she tried to be a book 15 but he wouldn't read

> she turned herself into a bulb but he wouldn't let her grow

a woman
20 and though he still refused
to be a man
she decided it was all
right

she decided to become