Magical House

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Spellbound house,
where a woman waits,
long fingers gripping gloves.
Viewed from her window
the darkened garden
takes on witch shapes.
She wishes a mythic incantation,
to change her to a tree.
Then she'd wait
for her love to pass below,
and let
leaves like white gloves
fall to earth.

In Celebration:

Djuna Barnes (1892–1982).

Renee Vivien (1877–1909).

Note

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