

Poetry Porch: Poetry

Tale

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1.

once upon a time

...

I said to myself

...

and to your oldest rabbi

...

how could anyone believe

...

those unbelievable tales

...

of the Baal Shem Tov

2.

once upon a time

...

I said to myself

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and to your newest rabbi

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why would anyone believe

...

those unbelievable tales

...

of the Baal Shem Tov

3.

the rabbis prayed

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should anyone not