

I Want to Be Soft

I want to be soft
like a moon snail outside its shell
like the underbelly of a porcupine.
I'm run down from resilience
camouflaging as confident
walking under the weight of a carapace.
mask on, defenses up.
The arboreal salamander breathes through its skin
water circulates through the pores of the sponge
I want to be permeable, like that.

- Lisa Neher