

## I Am Several

I am several.  
There are crowds in me.

At the table of my soul  
sit many,  
and I am all of them.  
There is:  
an old man,  
a child,  
a sage,  
a fool.

You'll never know  
who you're sitting with  
or how long you'll stay  
with each of me.

But I promise that,  
if we sit together,  
in sacred ritual  
I will give you at least  
one of the many that I am,  
and I will take the risk  
of us being together.

But, first of all, let us avoid illusions:  
I also have a bad side,  
a bad side,  
which I try to keep imprisoned  
and which,  
when released,  
embarrasses me.

I am not a saint,  
nor an example,  
unfortunately.

Among so many,  
one day I discover myself,  
one day I will definitely  
be myself.

As has been said:  
dare to conquer yourself.

- *Friedrich Nietzsche*