You see it, you see it all, Cloud Mover, did you give everyone a place to hide, or is this body my hidey-hole, are the trees here to give me only shade or cover when it rains, when my work under the sun is done, am I meant to cuddle with those bushy squirrels? This is me, ruffling my tail, / chirping something similar to praise Wherever, it is you gave me to hide I know you look, Leaf Watcher, I know how you can see me every time I lay down-names on your creations. My lips move like I'm tired, like a yawn when I say it, say it, Smooth Whisperer, "lion." In the lions' den, I saw them, and you must, your starry eyes, see them too, bundled up together, lapping cave water, like a puddle of bright morning gold. See how they cuddle those young ones, see how those littler lions like to hide when they're playing? Lord of All. See me in the groves all day, doing all you have said it is my duty to do,

trying all the while to brush fur

out of my skin, my muscle, Lord, Lover

(hiding/ not hiding) I'm just playing

not like the lions', but capable of so much strain.