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Deep in the enzyme is the shape of home.

Deep in the code is the architecture to nest.

The Robin collects mud with its beak along with twigs and pieces of down, feathers too.

The Grouse burrows in a subnivean world for heat and shelter.

The Raven uses branches and breaks them off with its weight and its beak, it papers its nest with bits of fur and debris.

The Goose sheds her chest feathers to line the chamber.

Sorrow is long.

When will I return to my country?