

Jar

A creature kept
in a glass jar to be
proudly admired?
experimented on?
mercilessly ridiculed?
Whatever did I do
to belong on a shelf
in a museum?
in a laboratory?
in a bedroom?
collecting spider webs
in cold, lonely shadows
as I am slowly forgotten?
Answer me this, I beg you:
Had I once been beautiful?
Had I once been bright?
Had I once been loved?