

***Underestimated Hedgehog***

**My beady eyes peel open, I awake,  
Absorbing the glimpse of sunlight,  
Watching the daybreak.**

**Day shuts its curtains and then I wait,  
I watch the moon smother the sun.  
Months ago, I went to hibernate.**

**I shuffle through the discarded leaves, I eat.  
My food wriggles around like an unsettled baby,  
While the owls tear at their succulent meat.**

**I see the green shoots gaze through the cracks of the earth,  
I watch the foxes dance in the moonlight,  
And see the baby lambs just from birth.**

**But when I curl and roll, and roll,  
I glance the scintillating stars,  
While I pass a foxhole.**

**We depart with our dear winter slumber,  
Which we will meet again one day,  
And to the ravishingly beautiful summer.**

**We are not just spikey hedgehogs, we're more than we portray**

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