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She said tigers were a symbol of God

talked about monogamy and going thru
the acid trip, dope trip, drink trip. We'd read
a lot of books and she had an academic view.
We raved about the cycles of life and Vishnu
but never quite made it to where we were going.

She said she could cut hair, I needed
a haircut but how come I felt like
Joan of Arc when she'd finished?
So we went on about Hell and recalled
the brimstone of childhood, had another cup of tea.

I was thinking about horoscopes wondering
maybe I should get into biorhythms but
it was already past tea time. She was so
articulate, had enough theories for both of us
and I agreed.

We'd both seen tigers and neither of us was
a Christian.