

A photograph of three fluffy yellow ducklings on a gravelly ground. One duckling is on the left, looking down. Another is in the center, looking forward. The third is on the right, looking towards the center with its beak open. The ground is covered in small stones and dried leaves.

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*i am a factory of me
with many little selves
demanding to be put in charge
like autocratic elves –*

*it is as if i hired them
to teach me how to see
those negative responses
that grow insdie of me –*

*and so – like nursery students
who have fulfilled their roles
i pay them off in ice cream
and send them off to school –*

*teaching them of positives
so that they can return
like children – now in adulthood –
as everlasting friends.*

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