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Our Selves

A shell—such a fine shape
we present to the world:
outside layers all shipshape
best profile unfurled.

Inside layers our resources preserve
to show only to those who deserve
to see our foundations
our hidden locations
indeed—deviation
from the shell.

As presenters, our centers escape
exposure of our inner landscape.

Ellenelle: Creator and poet of example Ellen Hamill

1. 12 lines. Three stanzas.
2. Syllable count: 6-6-6-5 9-9-6-6-6-3 9-9
3. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b c-c-d-d-d-e a-a