

we come from animalcules

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but warped some. torqued so
we get –esque, we get –ine,
we get the sharp foxlike face,
we get the eagle nose,
or eyes closeset and puzzled so
we turn away. we get
a herd of velvet reindeer only
approximately the same

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