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Ought to do

I think I ought to do, she says, but then
 don't want to do insists and feels
 she must give up what where she wants.
 The want-not-won't insists and tugs
 against he must-will-ought-to-do
 have got to be
 and why-words tangle up with why-not-worlds.
 It's they-think turning into me-think
 curling into non-think
 diving into skies.
 The ought-to-do becomes
 not-want-do for reason-roam.
 Duty is as duty does she doubts. She will
 dither while the do-ought-must berates
 the want-ought-won't.

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