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To our Green Mountain phyto-elders

To our shrouded valley memory bastions

To our ridgetop cloud pillars

To our village green witness trees

Eternity begins within you

Time slows among your branches

You connect us to light

To all things universal

You ground us, love us, carry us

When we cut you, our wisdom keepers

We sever connection

To generations

To past

To future

To our past

To our future

We break from the living

From all things deep, infinite, mystical

When we cut you, our brothers, sisters

Continuity crumbles

We are lords over the land

Gods of the great empty

The unbroken stillness

Alone in the vacancy

Our celestial vacancy

We choose exile

Dust becomes Destiny

~mpb, 2023~