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YAHSHANTO'S FOREST

Pointed leaves red with sun sprinkling light
Dangle and swish from spindle branches.
Thick trunk towers fleshy with might
Hold them glued in place by a single drop of life.
Wet northern moss sponges soil through finger
 roots of solid cork.
Forest floor swept smooth by the coughing air currents
Finds a yellow colombine, a scarlet tanager, a
 crimson rosebud, a spotted turtle
Dribbling colors on a leaf bespeckled pond.
There a water snake swallows a whole water bug and
Soft maple pollen drifts and skims the water edge.
There a wide tough lily pad is painted black by tiny
 dark round animals clinging for their lives...
So is this forest. All come once from rocks of a hard
 earth crust, water and sun.

-David Decker Manson-

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