

The Tree

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How does it feel
To be a tree?
(Is it restrained or is it free?)
To eat no meal
Save earth and air, 5
With digging feet and leafy hair?
Let's make a deal
To try and grow
In dendritic ways so we know
How does it feel to grow strong and tall and so still. 10

And then we'll see—
Without our eyes—
The world of plants with no disguise.
Whether set free
Or trapped in pain, 15
The time will then let us explain.
And you and me,
With knowing minds,
Could teach and learn all that each finds.
And then we'll see if knowing is what others will. 20