The Reflecting Pool

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There is a pool deep within the forest At the edge of our dreams with a trail That many venture down With various dispositions There are those with eyes for the horizon Yet leaves and branches are all they see Roots to catch their feet And dirt to kiss their lips when they fall Their faces turn up with anguish and despair Not realizing the pool was below their stare There are those with eyes for mirrors Always looking behind to where they have come Never seeing the slapping branches nor The strangling vines Turning themselves in circles for fear of the path and A pool with nothing but an unfamiliar face and a blank sky There are those with eyes for the journey Embracing every new flower as a gift Savoring each moment as if it were a last meal Losing themselves in the path because They will find the pool when they do The pool will always be there And we won't