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White Pine

by Georgia Ressmeyer

In the woods I spot the mature trunk
of a white pine stepping out of her
usual dress, which is stiff, gray, and
circles her waist like an unlaced corset.

I am startled to notice that her naked
torso does not seem to go with the
perfect posture her costume suggested
but twists like a discus-thrower's back

as if she has been gently wrung by giant
hands and dried that way, with bulges
and hollows everywhere, though these
have been smoothed by age and rain.

It seems a wonder she ever squeezed
into that gown. Now her natural shape
may scandalize some, but she has found
release in the truth of an unbound form.

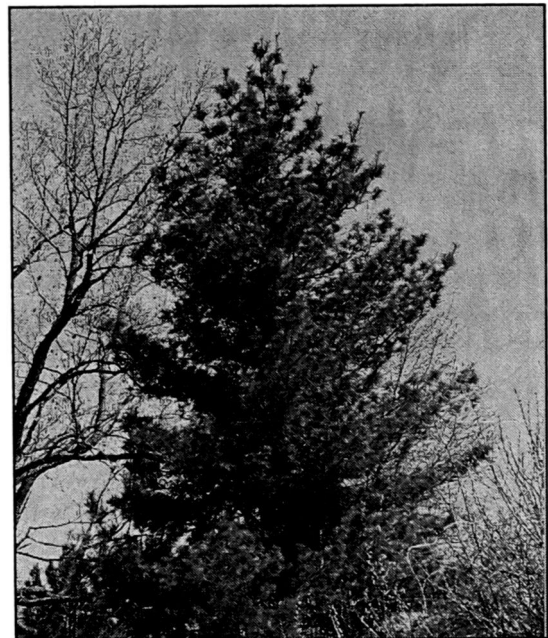


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