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# TWO TRAVERSED A WOODLAND TRAIL

*by Jim Butler*

Along a woodland trail  
    A panting runner came.  
With strain he raced on through  
    Absorbed in fitness games.

Past trilliums, oak ferns,  
    Beyond grottos unsearched;  
Past tree-toads, red admirals,  
    And a Hermit Thrush perched.

Uncognizant of treasures  
    Which inhabit this place,  
Oblivious to another  
    With contentment on his face.

Who slowly rose by trailside,  
    From things he bent to see.  
Two passed this woodland trail.  
    Two came quite differently.

With nature  
    One in was company;  
The other  
    But an anomaly.