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Over my head, in this tunnel of trees,  
I see nothing but rays trying to be free  
From the leaves that prevent it from shining,  
As they rustle in the wind.

Up the hill lies a rocky perch,  
Where the sun radiates  
And the world can be seen.

In a week,  
I will be back in Cleveland,  
Where sulfur fumes fill the air,  
Office buildings replace the trees,  
And the city lights hide the stars.

But on this muddy trail,  
Where purple lavender sprouts,  
And brilliant shades of green reside,  
The sweet smell of dew  
Perfumes the air.  
I close my eyes and breathe it all in.