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Root Women Beth Staas

We are root women Gnarled and dry Beneath rocky soil and clay, Drab, gray and hidden Yet steadfast For we hold up the earth.

Morning Laren Lofchy

A peaceful silence invades the woods, Yet makes a soothing sound Of angels singing merry ballads, Melodious, and profound!

And through the rolling hills it seeps, Like water through some cracks, O'er the lake and in the swamp, And over sleepers' backs.

The sleepy village hosts this guest Without its even knowing, Here now is the morning coming, And purple darkness going!