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# RIVERFORK SONNET

**NICOLE SCHULZ**

I fell headlong into the shaded grove  
searching for willow, oak, the old elm trees.  
Followed the trail that will not reach the road  
along the turning, trickling, twisting creek.  
With heavy dreams of a sweet spring chartreuse,  
longing for dirty feet and grass-stain knees.  
Ahead bloomed bleeding hearts and black-eyed sues  
swaying, leaning, into the chiming breeze.

The dry cracked earth against shoes with worn soles  
kicked dust awake and to dust we return.  
It was so beautiful yet hard to see,  
like the sun or the truth, which push and pull.  
The forest ahead and grove behind churned  
As I became found and lost became me.