



Aspen

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There you are all in all
you there standing tall
in your white robe
on the rocky slope
reaching for your higher power
and your glorious encounter
with what is true
like Skies of Blue
and Rays of Sun
praising what creation has done.

And beneath the earth
you clone birth after birth
propagate your leaves of gold
and for centuries your old
family graces us with offspring
that sway and sing
windsongs in every season
giving us reason
to rejoice in hymn
and shout a brilliant amen!

Author's Note: Aspen clone themselves and a single grove can be up to 80,000 years old. In Utah there is a grove that is 40 times the weight of a blue whale making it the largest living organism on earth.

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