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a	a
poet	mathematician
seeing	seeing
pine trees	pine trees
investigates	investigates
puzzle bark questions	puzzled by patterns
fingertips, palm	in growth, bark, history
live needles fingered	he counts, diagrams
like a lover's beard	weighs forces:
dead lodged in bare feet's	earth draws down 9.8 m/s^2
prick of consciousness	sun draws up, roots draw in
amber sap, yellow pollen	needles burst forth to maximize area
chews pine nut or brews a yellow needle tea	pine cones burrow golden spirals in his brain
maybe he has a book, or knows the names	maybe he has a book, or knows the names
feels them roll like rounded river stones	oracular names which spell their
or thump like hollow wood	meanings in themselves
ponderosa, bristlecone, jeffrey, or *sugar pine*	*geotropism, phototropism, morphogenesis,* or *phyllotaxis*
then in verse he feels his life among the trees	then in equation he feels his life among the trees
drawing inside out & outside in	drawing inside out & outside in
he	he
begins	begins
"a poet	"let ϕ
seeing	be the
pine	positive root
trees...."	of $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$...."