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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/s²
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
may he have 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 he
drawing inside out & outside in he begins begins
"a poet "let φ "a poet "let φ
seeing be the seeing be the
pine positive root pine cones burrow golden spirals in his brain
trees...." of x² − x − 1 = 0...."