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## Outside X Marks the Spot

Smells like dead fish,  
dead remains of last year's growth.  
Brambles prickle and

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over touching the ground  
Crunching feet of chirping birds,  
elephant ear green foliage  
bat houses like Indian burial platforms  
trees not yet blossoming,  
caught in a spider web.  
Clouds floating on a blue river sky,  
craggily old tree  
whirring engine  
cut grass



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