**Alike Animals**

Like a shining river flowing up,

Or redwood exult high o’er fertile land,

The mighty stump that growing as a tower,

Reflects a summers light from vaulted sky.

Empowering demand from birds who roost on branch,

And flock to dive in soaring waters wide.

For to expect a stock inside of fish,

Is common, near as sand upon the shore.

But on nocturnal floors of forest glen,

Hungry burdened beasts do hear the fowl.

And therein cast their sight upon the tree,

With prowling vision jealous of the feast.

An earnest search for purchased lofty heights,

Would guarantee starvation’s growls abate,

But for the late east-rising of the sun,

Which crows elation as predacious eyes recede.

The dawn meets gentle revelry from ants

Who its rays make mushroom awnings for,

Where storefront aphid elegies proceed

As demure farmers in the heat find shade

Then squirrels quickly trundle by, whose backs

Displayed their spider riders heading off to work.

In trees with bird cities and stacks of fish,

For humble pay of many flies to catch.