

## Additional Writings on Trees

In towering splendor once I stood  
A regal monarch of the wood,  
My branches once reached to the sky  
See me now but do not cry.  
The Creator's work has yet to cease  
I've become a shelter for bird and beast,  
And when at last I fall to the Earth  
The life I leave will inspire new birth;  
A seedling springs forth from the ground  
Nature's cycle goes round and round  
- S. Edward Palmer, *Spirit Tree*

Trees are the earth's endless effort to  
Speak to the listening heaven.  
- Rabindranath Tagor

Tree, gather up my thoughts like the clouds in your branches.  
Draw up my soul like the waters in your root.  
In the arteries of your trunk bring me together.  
Through your leaves breathe out the sky.

-J. Daniel Beaudry, *Breath*

He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of the water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper  
-Psalms, 1.3

God is the experience of looking at a tree and saying, "Ah!"  
-Joseph Campbell

Soak up the sun  
Affirm life's magic  
Be graceful in the wind  
Stand tall after a storm

Feel refreshed after it rains  
Grow strong without notice  
Be prepared for each season  
Provide shelter to strangers  
Hang tough through a cold spell  
Emerge renewed at the first signs of spring  
Stay deeply rooted while reaching for the sky  
Be still long enough to hear your own leaves rustling  
\_Karen Shragg, *Think Like A Tree*

What does he plant who plants a tree?  
He plants the friend of sun and sky;  
He plants the flag of breezes free;  
The shaft of beauty towering high;  
He plants a home to heaven anigh  
For song and mother-croon of bird  
In hushed and happy twilight heard-  
The treble of heaven's harmony  
These things he plants who plants a tree.  
-Henry Cuyler Bunner *The Heart of the Tree*