



# IN SHADOWS OF GREAT TREES:

## A Tribute to Ancient Verdure

needles like  
sword blades

and bark like  
aged parchment flakes

branches lift as  
mutant cranes

while roots stretch like  
fishing nets over rocky crags

pinos dance with  
with wind, waves, & rain

as crows caw next to  
insects in the shade

**Daiki:** Ancient Japanese wisely recognized that some trees are endowed with *ki* – a concept some translate as "spiritual energy."

**Chariya:** Many traditional cultures claim this. Hence the edicts that some trees should never be cut.

**An-Yi:** Nowadays, it seems that if the price is right almost anything will be cut.

**Bhāraté:** Yeah . . . we've lost too much of the sacred.

- T Newfields

Beq.: 1998 Táoyuán ± Fin.: 2021 Shizuoka

