

Ginkgo biloba

Supports memory

Proclaims the plastic bottle
Factory-extracted, dead
No capsule can deliver
What a visit to the tree can do
For remembrance
 Among the whorls of green fans

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Of millennia unchanged
Of an ancient way of being
Of a different way of knowing
Of tender care in sacred spaces

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Of the sun's fusion transformed into sweet abundance
Of humanity's hubris on the day that changed the world
Of the power of the universe unleashed
Of the folly of fission to destroy all life
 Misused by the brains powered by the sun

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Of survival, resilience, rebirth
Of deep roots, protected by the community of soil
Of the triumph of life
Of peaceful coexistence
 Weeping Willows, Holly, Sago Palms, Camphor Trees,
 Cherry, Silverthorn, Oak, and Pine survivors,
 Hibakujumoku

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Of unity and community
 As when the golden fans coordinate their fall to rest
 To be reborn for a new spring
Of pieces of peace
 Sent around the globe to support memory
 To never forget
 To never repeat

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That we, too, can be reborn from our roots

