

## mortality

when  
& where  
you learn  
only three sides of the hill are slope  
the fourth side 1500 feet of cliff  
sheer to a rocky beach below

you race through eternal trees  
believe you can mock them  
leap over root & rock  
breath lost in slant shafts of light  
    brief illuminations of you  
thrust through trees to earth

only to bring one foot  
down on the fourth side cliff  
on what was not ground  
or path

    but  
1500 feet before what would be your next step

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