

## Fallen

Envy not  
older brothers' front-row seat  
to the song sparrow's concert.  
From their lofty view  
they strain to glimpse  
purple starflowers hugging  
your broken torso,  
sienna ants sheltering  
in pocked heartwood  
void of viscous sap,  
lacy bracken fern,  
Oregon grape, wild cherry  
paying their respects.  
Exult in  
your shadowed resting place  
lush with epigeal life  
as brothers stand vigil.

--Kristin Alexander  
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