

## *Gingko 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