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## WHISPERING WOODS

*Joshua Mitchell*

Actually, it is more a howl,  
But through the double-paned, vinyl windows  
It sounds as an impertinent child in church  
Silently informing her friend that she  
Is somewhere she doesn't belong.  
Her father is playing golf between the Scottie dog tees  
At the base of a snow-capped volcano—  
Has slept for a thousand or more years,  
May yet awake in fury—  
It demands the little girl and  
Her father leave it alone  
And stop all that infernal  
Whispering.