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by Randy Bush

I stretch and rest
my head on the wind.
The shadow of my body is
storm, it is
stormcloudblack.

Redwoods are my feet
and mountains my knees and
Time's Roar is sucked
to a Whisper.

I fill the valley.
I am the valley.

My dreams, antlered and hoofed,
scream earthward
down steep trails without
bending
one green twig, without
tearing
one glistening web.

I become, for a breath,
the Voice of Pan's flute.