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in a wood of knotted pine
where
 glowing lights drip
 from darkened skies
 birds of speckled feather
travel upon flat grass waters
 mountains of boldface rock
 swallow silent suns
I grew
 beyond the highest of needled branches
 soaring gently over liquid sheets
hovering
 over solid stone masses
interrupting
 crimson-streaked skies
to reach
 cradle
 caress
 in ivory palms
the sparkling tips of crystal stars
 precious jewels nestled
 snug
 with pockets
 of satin black twilight

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