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*To the touch
The scratchy bark,
Dark as blackness,
And rough from age, feels warm. ,
A granddaddy long leg walks over my hand. ,*

*Pressing together with my flesh, ,
The tree and I blend, ,
And someone said trees are spiritless, ,
So I hug it tighter. ,
A hoot owl blinks a yellow eye. ,*

*Past black leaves and old wood, ,
Pale moon-fairies trail upon leaf and vine, ,
Shimmering to silver-blue from black,
With a touch of their wispy fingers. ,
A cricket rubs its' sound. ,*

*The humid, hot breath of this longest day, ,
Changed now to muggy coolness,
Plays 'guess this shape' with my hair and skin.
A June bug bats my head.*

*Yellow-edged gray puffs
Pass across the pale, fairy ship,
Across **'the moon of making fat.'**
A twig snaps under the tremoring footpad
Of a scavenging raccoon.*

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