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A wisp of the new morning
Washes across his face
And turns him
To wooded temples.

The way along,
Winged harbingers lighten above,
Through, among, back and before,
As alert, anxious buds
Await nativities.
Under his boot, and on,
Dark leaf-mold, dew-dampened, patient,
A teeming earth secures.
Hearing his step,
The stone beside quickens
To its rolling,
And the showered-clean air,
Ecstatic,
Freshens millennia past,
Whispers everlastings.

Ancient in days, the awakening mother
Lifts
Against his suppliant knees;
And a breath above,
Reigning all the space around,
The Holiest of Holies
Unveil

And Joseph sups from Their Presence . . .

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