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Lamps burn at noon
in the house beneath pines
where only splintered sun shines.
Dusk comes soon,
under barrier mountains lingers.

Morning late
climbing a rampart range.
Reluctant sun a stranger
at a tall tree gate.
Cedars spread shading hands frond-fingered.

Melancholy light always leaving.
In the cool under firs
water running slumbers stirs,
even cascades tardy grieving
flashing lazy lips.

At the edge of tearful water, sunken glade,
a head turns.
Dark eyes find you, burn.
Oracle deity dryad shade
wanting taking having you.