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WILDERNESS

NANTAHALA National Forest



JOYCE KILMER
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JOYCE KILMER

1886-1918

AUTHOR OF
"TREES"



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TREES

I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE
A POEM LOVELY AS A TREE.

A TREE WHOSE HUNGRY MOUTH IS PREST
AGAINST THE EARTH'S SWEET FLOWING
BREAST.

A TREE THAT LOOKS AT GOD ALL DAY
AND LIFTS HER LEAFY ARMS TO PRAY.
A TREE THAT MAY IN SUMMER WEAR
A NEST OF ROBINS IN HER HAIR.

UPON WHOSE BOSOM SNOW HAS LAIN;
WHO INTIMATELY LIVES WITH RAIN.
POEMS ARE MADE BY FOOLS LIKE ME,
BUT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE.

JOYCE KILMER











