



Poetic Reflections

When Trees Talk ¹

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Twin/ned saplings citrusy
greet
No navel strings buried
beneath
No wooden girth
to carve words of love's rebirth
heart-shaped.

Early yet for visits from
gossiping insect and avian throngs
Departing laden with golden treasure
Alight later distributing without measure
life-giving.

One Like Jah distant, barred
by fence, foundation, faith scarred
Yet Untied roots run deep intertwined
Arboreal talk enjoined
ever-lasting.

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¹ *Editorial Note:* As noted in the introductory editorial of this issue (see p. 8), commemorative tree-plantings were part of the in-person TWP conferences. Pictured are the saplings planted at United Theological College of the West Indies (left) and at St Michael's College and Seminary, neighbouring institutions in Kingston, Jamaica.

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