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Score One for Nature

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In this forest I was the Goddess
dominant in colour and fulfillment
I stood proud beside even the tallest
century pines far older than me

Their majestic stance vented no envy
however I fell short of experience
Hundreds of sunrises and sunsets
they made perfect for humans

Me, they just photographed
on my own or with similar beings
to share as an after-visit brag
So I gave them my best

Today I stand half shredded
bits and pieces scattered as litter
No one could guess the source
of my unrecognizable remnants

My legacy blasted across the landscape
scorched and departed leaves
felled by a sudden event
they called "volcano"

We trees and plants are alive
I understand a little human lingo
Mount St. Helen's let go
and here am I — half naked