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I am an old haunt,  
standing in the crow's nest of forgotten ships,  
smiling at the nicks left in the wood  
from this time or that.

I touch my fingers to old fox dens,  
relishing in the warmth of a place once inhabited.

I tie the twigs in my hair.

Carry the color of moss and algae on my finger  
nails.

I need the memory of the places I once belonged  
to carry me over to the next rest stop  
as I dart, panicked, through the in-between.