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I

Rounded trees on contra-
form screening, scheming
to curve, no other
avoidance

as blunted mast
circles a distinct-
iveness, inter-ships
the domes

rotates the dressing
a whole root-mass away
from cutting edge,
globe-shaped tree
tried into its common-
ality, those recursive
lobes

What is the bushing of a tree? What does its rota, its currents of inter-completion, the crowd claims of deletions?

The interweave haunted beyond need not its round-off but a collection curve from a midst onto

Settles a course run from outworn bristle into blunt, tentacular nestle
sessile its billiard sensing

What bushes up from forest trees? No offset diameters but full central roll

Stubs like spokes
broaching the curvi-
linear, bushlike where
the speckling is struct-
ural, outspread not
straying off the trees'

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scope

using the one escape
of a tree to a form,
rotund margins

around a shape of
tree cost but such
forest generals, greater
vulnerable tendering

Scoops channelling into eventual circus wood at tree-bush the entire decoy of forest

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II

A tree bushing up
confederate turmoil,
inveterate curtailing
of curveless exploration,
this is a bunch-stoop's
imploration

no blow-ball to
puff up this roundel
tensile coil, if
beech-crowned
still bush-gowned

a branch groping is
looping the curve

Searching for an equivalent of tree is already skirmished into bush the perching spire its original bulb-head

Is there a poverty of curve towards bulk-up? diagonals on a tight interbrace embodying a first-taught of cycling the deflections?

The prayer peninsula off climax stem reballing the spirals in non-circuit bundles but still cherishing the root/branch ratio

A mop-head flakes
its curls against a
forest demobbing,
rough woodland tied
through its globes

bushily at its woodens
less stump than migrant
root, tall wood still
best in bush but

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hooping within
the contrast

bush-ripe trays of
trees, shelves of
the incurve

Unportends until tuft pending encounter the meeting lines of non-
mergent compaction, forest immunity

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III

Unspurnables no anti-
tallness, just branch-
social singularities

pocket-sprung, single-
stem on a roll between
multi-branch

wood-laden however
pierced at sphere
where unsought
trees are over-bush-
ing ground berries

Is there a path from broken neck to bushhead? is it the surround-band? not oblique seal but indirect reel?

From bushes to tree its colonising column or greater the bespoke spread, resilient incurve

Bush outseeding trees along their own branch-poke local crests do alert cluster

A tree huddling its
bush before the
leaf-strippers

tuned up, slightly
startled but still
bush-prone sheltering
its tree-radicals

does cloud round
with correlative tapers,
no such rush to

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bush once at the top
of its tree-brow

Like a drone among masts preaching the new green murk pass a
prayer along well-tagged mass, snatch no labels

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IV

Boast of a bush
is its tree-shot,
coasts the brush-away
from being at bay
in the woods

bushy proximity
between hemisphere
and cylinder, bio-
mass at its mod-
ular transfer column

no bushing hairy enough
to strangle the pole,
no trunk squat enough
but entangles branch-roll

Soar and lull of the unhindered call to bush not a frame or neck but clasps an alliance of no more monopoly edges at core this must be vertical hedge

A basin of foliage caught at the branches' lair put a bushcoat on the hulk of it until all levels stratify on the round

Bushing-from not globalisation but a defect the expansion stress re-offers as shelter sustainable bulbs sounding out other native all-rounders

Keep plumping for
world, a shine off multiple
inter-blade, coppiced
retro-glade

a nested thicket
with all the abbreviants
of its converted curves

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not really populous
given its bulbous
vanishing points

A spell of tree blotch, a swathe of spinning oak however bushlike
consistent no notches encase or pin

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