A Wayfarer Wanders Into the Fractal Forest

stops,
  fingers a volcanic outcrop
  roofed mostly in duplex lichen,
  one of the tenacious earthmaking men
  helming a weathering like and unlike

wind
  and sun and rain – thick-skinned
  operatives saturated with clarity
  at times breezy, bright and merry,
  their many modes furthering the world’s

en-
  jambment – recomposing log nurses ten
  alders, elfin firs to sprout in their future
  shadows, nothing microminor
  about a percolated spring’s rambles to an icy

creek’s
  once-in-many-decades flood wreaking
  pick-up-stick behemoth-log dams’
  slow-pooled jamb
  trout rests and paper-packed poets’

writs
  of bits
  into bosomed ash-heaps
  head-deep
  in the tree-tower boughs sifting the given

light.

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