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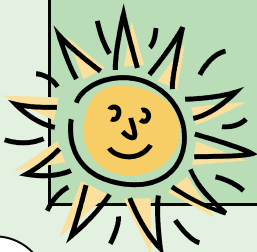
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It was yesterday when I decided to go to the park. We had just moved into the area a few weeks before, and between school and unpacking, I hadn't had much chance to take the time to get to know my surroundings. I left home around mid-day. It was fall and the wind was crisp; it felt as cold as a carrot chilled in the produce aisle of the supermarket. The leaves were a shade of reddish-brown, dry and brittle like the papyrus used by ancient scribes. The park was only around the corner, but I wanted to take as much time as possible to take in as much detail of the wondrous environment that I was just discovering.

Upon reaching the park grounds, I immediately found a vacant bench. It was almost as if it were placed there especially for me. When sitting in that spot, one was able to see outward and observe all the objects and inhabitants dwelling there. Moving across the pavement was a line of picnic ants that were just about ready for the coming of the next season. They moved together like an army, but with all the sociability of family mem-

bers at a reunion. In the trees were the remnants of a bird's nest that surely served as shelter for a beautiful bunch of chicks in the season past. I pondered that they must now be all grown up and be singing as amazingly as the choirs that perform at a concert hall, or perhaps before royals of some sort.

About four yards to the right of me, stood a tree that must have been about twelve feet high. It looked much like the tree which I had become accustomed to climbing when I was a little girl. Its branches were like warm arms extending out to you, like those of a grandparent (if they had some twenty arms, that is). I had every intention of raising myself to the top, but I suddenly realized that this idea was impractical. Because the tree was on public grounds, I surmised that if I climbed to the top, I'd run the risk of having public eyes become filled with awe over my energetic display.

I walked for a while until I grew tired of walking. I had brought a backpack along with me. Inside the backpack I had a small blanket. I found a solitary

patch of ground away from everyone. I stretched out the blanket and settled down on it and gazed up at the sky. The clouds moved gently across the horizon. They sailed like ships through a still sea, softly, calmly. The sky was a great shade of blue – like the shade of blue that can only be captured by an artist's touch. The sun was now at its highest point, but was more warm and inviting than anything else.

Two hours passed before I came back to myself. I had drifted off, lost in thought. I had so much to process, and all I could think of was that I didn't want that day to end. It was around the time to go back, so I gathered my things and pressed onward. I passed that old tree once again, and it seemed even taller than before; maybe, I thought, surpassing even Sequoias. The wind was still now. I passed the bench and this time found it to be occupied by a child and its parents.

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That scene made me think back to my own childhood and the splendorous times I had just relived – being young, free as a bird, and seemingly not bound by time or any force of nature.

I was now making my way around the corner and up the path to my house. Finally back at my house, the realization came to me that I was now happier than I had been when I left. Before I

left my house, I had been oblivious to who and where I was. But now, upon reentering that same house, I was happy to be me and to be home.