***The Forest of Sound***

***The ear hears what the heart feels***

***A melody the lungs breathe***

***With a rhythmic pulse in our rooted veins***

***The slapping soles of our feeling feet***

***Drumming along on the soul of soil***

***We are the walking symphony***

***From the green source of song***

***Live music from the forest of sound.***

***Bird choirs, bee buzz, the tiger’s cough***

***Whistling rustling wind in dancing reeds***

***Subliminal tapping of the clapping leaves***

***Lyrical refrains of rippling shaded streams***

***The deep dark hum of humbling trees***

***The inner sonic content of our waking dreams***

***From the green source of song***

***Live music from the forest of sound.***

***Like auditory runes, notated scores upon the earth***

***These forest sounds inspired old tunes in village hearths***

***Flute of bamboo, drum of trunk and resonating woods***

***Shaken shells, wooden bells, horns of horn -all free, all good***

***Still call us now, to orchestrate each culturally unique feeling***

***In celebration of this source of natural hearing healing***

***From the green source of song***

***Live music from the forest of sound.***

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