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i see the mountain through the trees.

through the trees the mountain i see.

through the mountains I see trees
lit in late day's clouds and haze
before or until arriving smoke
from nearby mountains other trees.

communicable, contagious thirst
among forests, trees, and human folk
also claiming residency
where trees reside and water does not.

when beholding the tree, see the forest.
when beholding the forest, see the tree.
when beholding forest and tree
when beholding tree and forest,
now also persons people see,
now see water no more there.

through bristling trees and desiccate air
where mountain glaciers no more drip,
the roar of fire speaks lasting heat,
enduring drought, channels burning dirt.
no one wants to share parched thirsts
with forests or with trees.

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