

Prayer for Ruby Elm

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Oh may the roots reach beneath the sleeping street
The station and the riverbed register what we won't hear
 May the leaves bustle out the canopy
 Shake and photosynthesize everything we're sorry for
Into one long breath of airMay the rings of tanglefoot and fiberglass
Guard against the thunderstorm, canker worms and climate change
 May the bar rub away the power line
 Bandage over knots and burls
 Commemorate our injuries
May the hydro worker's blade be swift and precise
 May the rope remember all the rhymes for knot
 To lift me up and lay me down
 Bear the swinging weight of love
 May the birds answer carabiner clicks
 Carry off the tiny seeds
 Better ways to be alive
 May it all seem plausible wherever we land
 May we grow

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