# Distant Light

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The man appeared to me inside that yellow wood.
Iâ€™d carved his name in the dirt, at the crossroads where we stood.
He said, â€œAre you looking for directions?â€•
I said, â€œGee, I wish you would. Which way to the infinite road that unwinds from within.â€•

He said, â€œFollow the distant lightâ€•
Ohâ€™ you know I will! Follow the distant light, just a little bit over the hill
Follow the distant light and although youâ€™ll never near it.
You can travel on forever and youâ€™ll never be back here.
I said, â€œalrightâ€•

The stranger appeared to me, he hopped down from his tree.
I said, â€œI can give you anything, but you know that nothingâ€™s free.â€•
Well I could take it or leave it. I said, â€œwell what do you want from me.â€•
He said, â€œnothing much really, just a small token of appreciation
That would mean so little to man like you and so much to a man like me.â€•

Gimme the distant light.
Oh no I cannot do it
Gimme the distant light, he said through his teeth
Gimme the distant light
I said, â€œI ainâ€™t quite yet through with itâ€•
As I saw it shining dimly through the branches of his tree, I walked on

Following the distant light.
Like the way some people look for parking
Following the distant light, and tripping all over my feet
But following the distant light
And I know if I keep walking, Iâ€™ll never touch it,
But as long as I move itâ€™ll shine down on me.
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