

A photograph of a dense forest with tall, leafy trees. The foreground is a grassy area with some low-lying bushes and flowers. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Dawn's curiosity curls around
the orchard's chilled trunks
who purr into day at the warming

black plums swell
apricots embolden their girth

apples deepen in hue
pears concentrate their sugar

limbs bow a tad closer to the grass
whose blades grow higher
like children reaching for the fruit

insects drone and hum and hover
shadows shift beneath clouds of leaf

a new day wakes in its
natural language

and night begins to dream.

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