

# **Tougher than Me**

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*an old piece of work that i happened upon xP*

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I stood before the open window.

The arctic air hit my bare flesh  
like a thousand needles fired from  
a cannon.

The sound of leaves scratching pavement  
played in the air, surfing on invisible  
waves till they retired in my ear.

The air was drenched with the aroma  
of dead and dying leaves, of minuscule  
water droplets, of rich fertile earth, of  
life.

I gazed, in a state of chilled serenity.

It was as if nothing mattered. All efforts  
futile. Much like the trees I felt, thrusting  
their naked claws to the sky so that they  
may embrace the stars and drink the  
milk of the moon.

But the stars know they are out of reach  
and they stare smugly, cackling at  
the naive branches.

For they will never meet

and receive only a watery substitute for the lunar nectar they crave.

But unlike me, they are strong.

Laughing at the wind that tries so  
desperately to detach them from home.

That wind that I can just barely bare as it caresses my skin with an  
unkind hand.

I wish I had the strength of the trees. Then I could always

continue to reach towards the  
light, never concerned about  
whether or not I could bathe  
in its source or touch its brethren.

Then maybe I too could chuckle  
at the wind when brushed by  
its cruel finger.