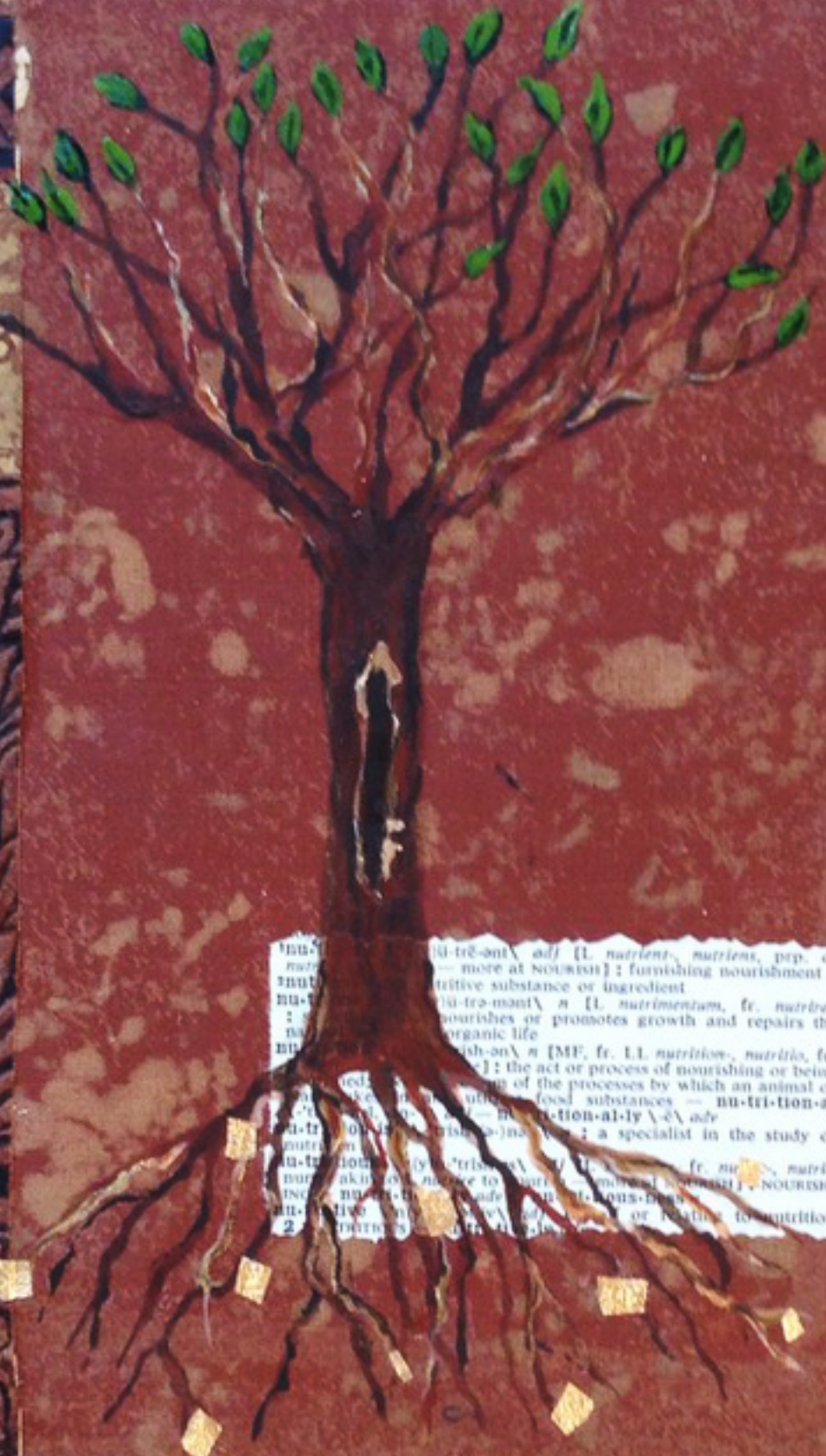


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**nu-tri-ent** \adj\ [L. *nutriens*, *nutriens*, prp. of *nutrire*]; furnishing nourishment  
**nu-tri-tive** \adj\ [L. *nutritivus*, fr. *nutrire*]; nutritive substance or ingredient  
**nu-tri-tion** \nu-tre-shən\ *n* [L. *nutrimentum*, fr. *nutrire*]; the act or process of nourishing or being nourished; the act or process of providing with food; the act or process of nourishing or promoting growth and repairs the body; the act or process of providing with food substances — **nu-tri-tion-al** \nu-tre-shən-əl\ *adj*  
**nu-tri-tion-ist** \nu-tre-shən-ist\ *n* [MF, fr. LL *nutritio*, *nutritio*, fr. *nutrire*]; a specialist in the study of nutrition  
**nu-tri-tion-ist-ry** \nu-tre-shən-ist-ree\ *n* [L. *nutritio*, fr. *nutrire*]; the study of nutrition  
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## Nutrition Tree

A tree stands alone on the empty lot,  
From a landscape view, it's just a dot,  
But it is incredibly important to oh so many  
And it's worth a million if it's worth a penny.

It's home to birds like the robins and jays,  
Squirrels nest here and the young one plays,  
When the Coopers hawk lands it all quiets down  
For the tree community goes to hawk lockdown.

Now the image in the painting is about nutrition  
About what was ordered by the Earth's physician  
For trees have a very important role to perform  
As a part of the Earth's recycling platform.

A tree takes carbon dioxide from the air  
And gives us back oxygen which is only fair,  
The carbon is converted to a carbohydrate  
To become wood and leaves is its fate.

And when the leaves fall and limbs decay  
It closes a cycle yet some carbos will stay  
To add to the biomass, the carbon reserve  
A climate solution with moxie and verve.

And the tree recycles water through transpiration,  
It's a neat phenomenon – a source of inspiration,  
For the roots suck up water and send it to the top  
Where it goes into the air to become a raindrop.

And then there are elements like nitrogen and phosphorus

To include them in a poem might seem preposterous  
But these mineral additives are used and released  
When the leaves degrade, and their use has ceased.

And they go to the soil where they are collected  
And reused in a system that the tree's perfected  
The tree's a smart being - an amazing lifeform  
Let's leave it alone – it has duties to perform.

So welcome to Earth church  
Pull yourself up a pew  
Say a prayer that your love  
Will include trees too.