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How deep
Do we have to drill?

How deep
Do we have to dig?

How deeply
Do we have to bury
The meadows and streams
Under tailings and ash
To forget
What a billion years
Of evolution
Or maybe God
Planted there?

And,
How deeply
Do we have to bury
Our own consciousness
Our wonderment
Our aching
To not remember
That we were born
Of this
The garden planet.