

The Spirit of Place

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A poem for four voices

Here is just the beginning of a **horror story**. Where will it end?

- 1 1: There was a **sea**
 2: a **blue sea**
 3: a **secret blue sea**
 4: and in this **sea**
 1: there was an **island**
 2: a **spiky island**
 3: a **spiky green island**
 4: and in this **island**
 1: there was a **valley**
 2: a **deep valley**
 3: a **hot deep valley**
 4: and in this **valley**
- 13 1: there was a **tree**
 2: a **vast tree**
 3: a **vast ancient tree**
 4: and in the **roots** of this **tree**
 1: there was an **egg**
 2: a **historic egg**
 3: a **prehistoric egg**
 4: and in this **egg**
 1: there was a **creature**
 2: a **live creature**
 3: a **creature so wild**
 4: so full of **energy**
 All: *the old tree trembled.*
- 26 1: And in a **hurricane**
 2: a **tearing hurricane**
 3: a **fierce tearing hurricane**
 4: that **tree cracked**
 All: *cracked to the roots.*
 1: And out of those **roots**
 2: those **shattered roots**
 3: **roots laid bare** in the howl
 4: climbed the **creature**
 1: the **wild creature**
 2: so full of **energy**
 3: so full of **destruction**
 4: it **shrieked** for **escape.**
- 39 1: There was a **sea**
 2: a **blue sea**
 3: a **boiling blue sea**
 4: and in this **sea**
 1: there was an **island**
 2: a **spiky island**
 3: an **island in turmoil**
 4: it was ready to **plunge**
 1: **plunge** into the **sea**
 2: the **boiling sea**
 3: and **swim, swim, swim**
 All: *towards us all.*