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the bonsai trees are perfect in their absurdity  
each one disfigured in its own beautiful way  
dwarfed by design and luscious in creation  
walking among them one feels like a god  
or in the presence of one  
hovering high over tiny spruces and little fruit trees  
more perfect than their full-sized mothers  
they sing soft songs with their innocent bark  
whittled down in rich detail  
their natural imperfections disguised  
from eyes which are too large to see  
the realities of their muted growth  
and all seen is exact