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DOE RIVER GORGE

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The rotted remains of the trestle
reach across the water
on crumbling stone abutments,
as I sit on the river's bank,
watching the old bridge
fail to meet the tunnel,
blasted into the mountain
where there is coal
and damp things
growing on the shale,
wetted by secret springs,
and the tweetsie of the engine
echoes through,
as if it were coming still.