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*by Lawrence Upton*

An impression is of forest,  
without contradictory clear signs of a garden  
nor the well-kept fields in view. One doubts though  
any deliberation. It just is.

The trees near in are cut back, disallowed  
from taking charge as in folk fantasy  
where a realm of growing wood excludes one  
and self-interested regulation.

Down among such deep green, the one pigeon  
is chanting; and, far across the valley,  
chorister-voice birds outloud the gull screeches.

None here though. Palm trees are not really them.  
Urchin gangs of tits, not the soloists.  
Wind, the distant song, the sea – all half still.