Escarpment Spores

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Lichen spores land as lint
 gently on the cuffs of my jeans

 like fingerprints land
 on escalator rails

 that way my ankles carry ongoing conversations
 between two tiers of the Bruce Trail

 this way my walk serves
 an evolutionary purpose, symbiotic, unselfish,

 the denim telegraph and DNA Morse code
 cotton-borne between limestones

 cuff to cuff to sock receivers
 brushing escarpment trails