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## **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