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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