

"Invitation"

by Amy Ludwig Vanderwater in *Forest Has a Song*

Today
I heard
A pinecone fall.
I smell
A spicy breeze.
I see
Forest
wildly waving
rows of
friendly trees.

*I'm here.
Come visit.
Please?*

Farewell

Forest breathes
a spicy breeze.
It blows
into my ear.

*When you go home
do not forget
my leaves
my song
my deer.
Remember
I am Forest.
Remember
I am here.*

Book recommendations:

Hike by Pete Oswald - wordless picture book depicting a boy and his dad on an adventure with a beautiful family tradition surprise revealed at the end

For adult reader: World of Wonders by Aimee Nezhukumatathil