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Whispers from the Soil

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The earth hums beneath my bare feet,
a low, forgotten chant of green-
of roots twisting in stories untold,
of leaves holding secrets in their veins.

There are no maps for the path I walk,
only the murmurs of soil and sky,
where time drips like dew from branches,
and history blooms in each petal's sigh.

The air here is thick with memory,
of ancients who carved the land with whispers,
of rivers that once carried the names
of gods long lost to the winds.

Yet still, the fern unfurls its tongue,
and the fern's tongue tastes the wind,
sings it back into the soil-
a symphony of forgotten things.

I bend to touch the dirt,
its coolness speaking in tongues-
not of past or future,
but of the here, the now, the always.

The earth is patient, but it remembers,

and with each step I take, it learns.
For in the cadence of my breath,
there is a pulse that beats the same.

Do you hear it? The ancient hum,
beneath our cities and our wars,
still calling, still waiting,
for us to listen.

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