Hearts of Trees Lost

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The riddles hidden in the work:

What do we really own?

What do we save?

Should I stay or should I go?

Friendships forged by fire

The detritus of total devastation

Transformation and rebirth

A cry for everything turned to ash

Ashes, ashes, we all fall up

Life is a balance of holding on and letting go - Rumi

The fire will come, it will stop at the ocean, no-one will come to help you - Morgan Runyon The Woosley Fire reminded us that we are powerless. What we loved was charred beyond recognition. The monuments we build can be gone in an instant. What do we really own? Our resilience. We rise, take our place in nature, and accept the way things are. What is lost? What is found? The strength to rise, like a strong spine Reimagine the future Reach for the heights. Rebuild Accept the way things are, finding courage to see things in a new light. To accept transformation. To reach for the sky. The hearts of trees, devoid of roots that once reached deep into the soil that were unearthed by natures cleansing fire and torrential storms to be reborn.

This piece is a beacon to empowerment.
We all have inner strength w.e can harness