

Planting Another Brazil

They say we need a Brazil-sized plantation,
700m hectares, trees planted in the interstices
that can speak in brave green voices,
shout green verses into the air
reverse the damaged land, the coffin skies.
I shall be gone well before they have grown,
taking my human voice with me,
one less bit of trash to spoil the green,
but enough ash to succor the roots.

—Jane Yolen

