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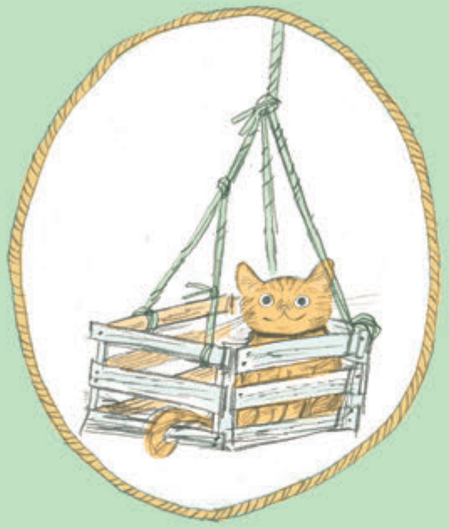
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starts with time
and looking up
and imagining a home
of timber and rafters
in wrangled, gnarled bark.

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Your tree may need to
stand mighty and alone
with balconies of branches
so you can fling your arms wide
and scout skunks in their burrows
and moles in the meadow
even if you need binoculars
and ten tippy toes.

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Or maybe it's one soldier
in an army of trees
and from far away
you'd have to squint to see
which one is yours –
Is that my turret
or a tangled crown? –
a grove of generals
your refuge in the flora.



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Whether solo or squished
make sure your tree is tall –



you'll want to see sun speckles up close.

Start with blueprints to sketch,
a hammer to hit,
some nails
and a saw
(don't forget a hard hat for your head).

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Then brace once and bolt twice
raise a slat on some stilts, run a ladder up high.

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With the scraps you can build
a box for the begonias
and a picket for the zinnias.



Here, tiny slugs, this feast is for you.
You can even have this marigold
cause seeds are easy to sow.