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In a Dark Wood

By MARION DOYLE

She came to a wood of twisted trees
Where claw-like roots clutched at her knees;
A bracken thrust its threatening frond
Into her heart; a stagnant pond
Spread treacherous iris to ensnare
Bewildered feet in a sinking lair;
Flung from its farthest edge, a briar
Seared her eyes like living fire,
Blinding her utterly; but before,
She had seen the pearly cup on the floor
Of the forest, under a monstrous tree,
And knew what the end was meant to be:

No going back the way she came
(No more of quicksand, sword and flame)
To crystal springs.
She knelt by the dank
Destroying Angel's cup—and drank.