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Always, I choose
to walk through the earth and not the pavement,
 where emerald moss licks at my boots
cunningly, like words on the tip of my tongue –
some ancient syllables,
out of the same dark clay that
 clumped up and birthed Adam.
There is wisdom in the ground!

Thick, stubborn roots scar the mired landscape,
lump up, up! and
 down in esoteric patterns –
surely I am treading upon the layers of a heart,
sharing blood with the mud cakes
that lie drinking my water; white stones cracked
 under leather soles spit and hiss like the sun.