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AFTER WAILANA, SCUPLTURE BY DEBORAH BUTTERFIELD

Silence surrounds you
while the herd is running,
somewhere in the distance.

Nightfall in the forest; the indigo air
holds the smell of pine.
I find my eyes fixed
on the form of your wooden body,

bare
yet complex,
against the skyline.

Tan twig veins,
Olive branch arteries,
meant to pump peace through your heart,
if only it could beat.

Grey bark bones,
A gnarled knot, like limbs
under the sheets;

the heat of my body
departs in the winter breeze.
Frozen,
I watch you,
taking shape through the leafless trees.