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Ents

I think that I could ne'er invent
A verse as grandiose as an ent--

All fourteen feet of giant height,
With eyes of deep and solemn sight;

Two arms, like branches, lifted high
To greet the sun from clouded sky;

And feet with seven rootlike toes,
Which grasp the earth and hold it close.

"Haroom, baroom, haroom-de-aa!"
An entish rumbled roundelay.

So peaceful seeming, herding trees,
As leaves are stirred by the gentle breeze;

But roused, he roots out hugest rocks,
An instant cleaving--which rooting mocks;

He in his wrath is like that bane
When cyclones fling huge stones amain.

Verses are made by fools with a bent,
But only Eru can make an ent.

--J. R. Christopher