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TWO TRAVERSED A WOODLAND TRAIL

by Jim Butler

Along a woodland trail
 A panting runner came.
With strain he raced on through
 Absorbed in fitness games.

Past trilliums, oak ferns,
 Beyond grottos unsearched;
Past tree-toads, red admirals,
 And a Hermit Thrush perched.

Uncognizant of treasures
 Which inhabit this place,
Oblivious to another
 With contentment on his face.

Who slowly rose by trailside,
 From things he bent to see.
Two passed this woodland trail.
 Two came quite differently.

With nature
 One in was company;
The other
 But an anomaly.