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EVERGREEN
By Pat Kourt

Silent, cedar sentinels

Witnessing public weeping and private promises.

Soothing sorrow in the scorching summer sun.

Warming weariness in the whipping winter winds.

Like reminiscences recorded in a faded family album,

Waiting, wistful watchmen... Evergreen.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: My dad, J. Roy Brown, who was a farmer-stockman in the Port community, has told me many times that people of his generation equate cedar trees with cemeteries. The trees' symbolic color of life is a comfort among family markers.