

Beyond the Woods

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based on text from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau

I,
I could not
I could not see
over or beyond
beyond the woods
the woods which surround
the woods which surrounded me

I went to the woods be
went to the woods be
cause I wished to
I wished to live
deliberate
deliberately
to front only
to front only
the essential
facts of life, and

see if I could not learn what it had to teach

and not, when I came to
not, when I came to
die, discover that
discover that
that I had not
that I had not lived.