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Poetry Month Contest

Title: Boy and Girl in the Jungle

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Strangler figs wound around great ficus trees in a deadly embrace, and

You encircled me with your body, pulled me up to your lips.

We were hungry like the stray dogs, yet

Gentle like the capybara.

The toucans sang their love songs, and I sang

"This is too good to be true."

I should have listened to myself, and

Fled like the skittish dart frogs, for

What in nature is not fleeting?

But I was a fool, and

You were my primal instinct.

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