

An abstract painting of a tree with dark, gnarled branches. The leaves are represented by numerous small, colorful brushstrokes in shades of orange, yellow, blue, and white, set against a light green and blue background. The overall style is expressive and textured.

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# **Roots in Heaven**

**The story of a terminally ill child**



Life is good! Mom, dad and I make a family of strong Birch trees.



Look how strong I am!



Suddenly one day, there's a strange spot on my body.



What's this?

My mom and dad seem scared, but they tell me that the doctors will cure me.



The treatments are painful.



I feel weak, but something else is also happening.



A special power, which grows stronger  
inside me.



This new wondrous power is all around me.



I feel so weak.

My parents want to help me, they are so sweet and they are very sad.



I cannot stand up straight anymore, but this wonderful power is surrounding me.



Deep inside, I feel that I'm a very strong tree.



Now, I'm free from the pain!



I hope my mom and dad know I'm happy now.

# Colophon

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