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## The Forest

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**Goats Out**

ANGELA CHAPMAN

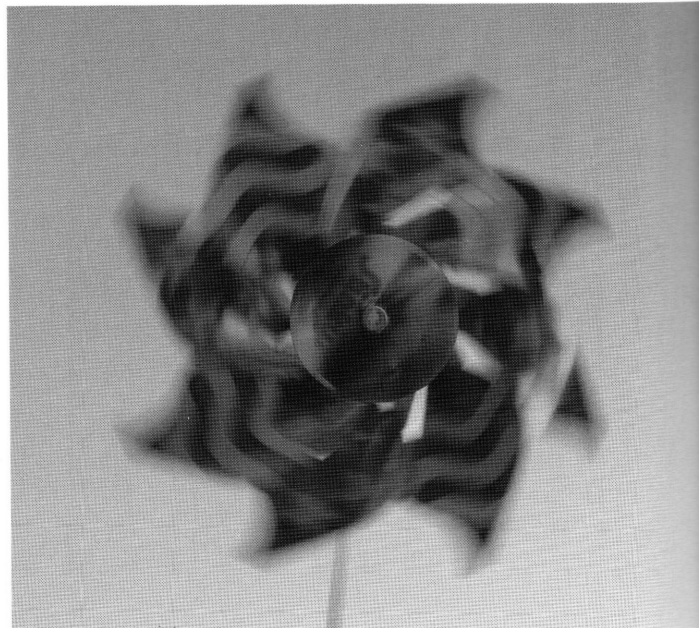
Mama yells, "The goats are out!"  
We all scramble here and there...  
Darting, tripping, running to and fro.  
We herd them in and latch the gate.  
  
Mama turns, assessing the damage.  
Broken limbs, bushes eaten to the ground.  
Wasn't there a young tree growing there?  
But the grass, it hasn't been touched.

**THE FOREST** TAMANEECA SMITH

**Period.**

STEVE SEALE

As I'm lowered into the ground,  
my final wish is to confound  
the Eternity worshipers gathered 'round  
by having a band play the Looney Tunes jig  
with the immortal words of Porky the Pig,  
"That's all, folks!"



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