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**Image of Kindness**

Learn from this tree:  
It offers its bountiful canopy of shade  
Over your head

Rain or shine; Rain or shine  
No matter whence

You come to it; And it never,  
Not even out of innocent curiosity,  
Sizes you up:  
*"Hey stranger! Where are you from?"*

Translated by Niloufar Talebi

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