

# MUSINGS

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Nature, naturally!





I

Aha! I think I've got it.  
I think I've figured out  
where the elephants got the idea  
for their skin texture.



A large, leafy tree stands on a grassy hill under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The tree is the central focus, with its dense foliage in shades of green and yellow. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright light source breaking through on the right side, creating a strong contrast and highlighting the tree's leaves. The foreground shows a rolling green hillside.

## II

Today, as I touched the thick, tough bark  
of an ancient Scrub Oak  
atop Cnochán Dara na Naomh,  
I realized that elephants plagiarized it.



The image is a close-up, low-angle shot of a tree trunk. The bark is highly textured, with deep grooves and a rough, scaly appearance. The lighting is dramatic, with bright highlights on the right side of the trunk and deep shadows on the left. In the background, there are green leaves and branches, some of which are out of focus. The overall color palette is dominated by greens and browns, with a strong contrast between light and shadow.

### III

The great trunk of the oak tree  
is rough and runneled,  
pitted and pock-marked,  
calloused and cracked and creviced,  
and looks just like the great hind leg  
of a pachyderm from Africa.



An elephant stands in a savanna landscape. The elephant is the central focus, shown in profile facing right. It has a thick, wrinkled grey hide and a single prominent tusk. The background features a large, dense green tree on the left and a bright, golden sunset sky on the right. The ground is covered in dry grass and some green patches.

## IV

Is it plagiarism  
when Nature borrows one of her own  
good ideas  
and applies it elsewhere?

Like sisters stealing garments  
from each other's closely-guarded closets,  
flora and fauna imitate each other.





V

Fauna is what happens  
when nature abandons roots  
in favor of legs, fins and wings.



# VI

If imitation is the highest form of flattery,  
then self-imitation  
is the ultimate form of self-confidence.

Mother Nature  
pat yourself on the back.

Namasté,

*Seán*

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