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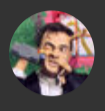
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## For Pine Number 492 by Oakley Ayden

pine number 492 —

you're an anthem,  
love. i see you.

y'ain't all thick like 496 but a lank  
fierce fine little knobcone pine

tree sittin' solid pretty on the  
side of this nameless Big Bear

City *not a through street*  
(the sign spiked through

490 reads.) with battered  
branches busted bark —

you're standing,  
love. i see you.



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