

"Cucamonga Peak"

As I look upon the mountain of my birth, the morning light casts their slanting rays upon its snowy crest.

I've gazed upon the tree-lined heights through the years of my youth until called away when all youths look further beyond childhood lives.

Returning, I am inspired to write poetry, perhaps to dream anew, for loss has hung my head downward, while this awe-inspiring view has reminded me to, once again, seek higher ground.

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