

# Identity

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Let them be as pretty fruit trees,  
always maintained, taken care of and loved,  
but only when bearing their jewel-toned treasures. ✓

I'd rather be a veridian, prickly pine tree,  
standing tall and free like the majestic elk,  
rustling in the winds upon a mountainside. ✓

To have roots running deep and untamed,  
to stand strong against torrents or bask in the sun. ✓

Love the  
diction  
choices here,  
Asha!

To be dusted with the softest white snow  
or to caress the scintillating stars at night. ✓

I'd rather be dismissed,  
and if then forgotten by all,  
than to be a fruit-bearing wonder  
where they're trimmed, handled and harvested  
by gluttony human hands. ✓

I'd rather smell of sap and earth  
than crunchy apples and sweet scarlet cherries. ✓

If I could be myself, proud and free,  
I'd rather be a veridian, prickly pine tree. ✓

Nice  
rhyming  
couplet!